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OF GENE DEFECTS UNDERLYING
AUTOSOMAL RECESSIVE INTELLECTUAL DISABILITY
IN TWO IRANIAN FAMILIES**

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1 Introduction

The human brain permanently processes and integrates information between specialized and functionally linked brain regions [VAN DEN HEUVEL *ET AL.*, 2009]. Higher order cognitive processes are based on the capability of neurons to organize into networks and to remodel these networks during brain development as a response to learning and experience [KRAMER AND VAN BOKHOVEN, 2009]. Mutations in genes coding for components of these networks can lead to impairment of cognitive functioning with subtle to devastating effects on the mental health of the affected individuals. Elucidating the underlying genetic defects and studying their molecular impact on their respective gene products are therefore of great significance: understanding the molecular pathways and brain specific networks underlying normal intellectual performance provides the basis for expert genetic counseling of affected individuals and their families and guidelines for therapy.

1.1 Intellectual disability

Intellectual disability (ID), or mental retardation (MR), is defined by the World Health Organization, WHO, as a

"significant reduced ability to understand new or complex information and to learn new skills (impaired intelligence). This results in a reduced ability to cope independently (impaired social functioning), and begins before adulthood, with a lasting effect on development [WHO, 2013]."

Individuals with an IQ of 70 or below are generally considered to be intellectually disabled [ROPERS AND HAMEL, 2005]. According to the 10th International Classification of Diseases (ICD-10, Version 2007) six categories of intellectual disability exist, comprising mild, moderate, severe, profound, other and unspecified intellectual disability (Table 1.1) [WHO, 2010].

To support or supplement the diagnosis of ID, skills in adaptive behaviour can be measured by standardized tests (e. g. Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children or for Adults [WECHSLER, 2004, 2008]). According to the American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (aaidd) these tests assess the following three skill types:

1. conceptual skills, comprising self-direction, language and literacy as well as money, time, and number concepts;
2. social skills, including interpersonal skills, social responsibility, self-esteem, social problem solving, and following rules;

Table 1.1: Degrees of intellectual disability based on ICD-10, version 2010

Category	IQ	Mental age	Level of support and self-care
Mild	50 – 69	9 – < 12 years	likely to result in some learning difficulties in school; many adults will be able to work, maintain good social relationships and contribute to society
Moderate	35 – 49	6 – < 9 years	likely to result in marked developmental delays in childhood but most can learn to develop some degree of independence in self-care and acquire adequate communication and academic skills; adults will need varying degrees of support to live and work in the community
Severe	20 – 34	3 – < 6 years	likely to result in continuous need of support results in severe limitation in self-care, continence, communication and mobility
Profound	< 20	< 3 years	
Other	–	–	this category is only used if determination of the ID degree is difficult or impossible due to associated sensory or physical impairments, as in blind, deaf-mute, and severely behaviourally disturbed or physically disabled individuals
Unspecified	–	–	evidence of ID in the affected individual, but insufficient information is available to assign the patient to one of the above categories

3. practical skills, encompassing e. g. activities of daily living, occupational skills, and health-care.

Intellectual disability can also be divided into syndromic and non-syndromic forms. In syndromic forms affected individuals present with additional clinical features resulting in a distinct phenotype such as e. g. in Down Syndrome. Non-syndromic ID (NSID) is defined as ID being the exclusive clinical finding [KAUFMAN *ET AL.*, 2010]. Diagnosis of NSID can be challenging and sometimes misleading, as syndromes can be subtle and only be assessed clinically after previous genetic diagnosis [ROPERS, 2006].

The prevalence of ID in Western countries is 1.5 to 2 % and severe ID affects 0.3 to 0.5 % of the population [ROPERS, 2008, 2010a]. ID can be of environmental and/or genetic origin. Environmental factors comprise exposure to teratogens, viruses or radiation as well as lack of oxygen in the brain caused by head injury [KAUFMAN *ET AL.*, 2010]. However, the vast majority of ID, especially severe ID, is thought to be due to genetic factors [MCLAREN AND BRYSON, 1987] such as large chromosomal aberrations and rearrangements, copy number variations (CNVs) or single gene defects.

Numerical or structural chromosomal aberrations are found in one out of seven individuals with severe ID [LEONARD AND WEN, 2002]. Chromosomal aberrations that are detectable under the microscope generally give rise to a syndromic phenotype, as they are associated with large genetic imbalances affecting a great number of genes [PFUNDT AND VELTMAN, 2012]. The most common chromosomal aberration with a total prevalence of 22 per 10 000 births in Europe is Down Syndrome (trisomy 21), which is further the most commonest congenital cause of intellectual disability [LEONARD AND WEN, 2002]. Trisomies are usually lethal at embryonic or fetal stages. Less common trisomies that survive to term are Patau syndrome (trisomy 13) and Edwards syndrome (trisomy 18) with total prevalence of 5 and 2 per 10 000 births in Europe, respectively [LOANE *ET AL.*, 2012]. The vast majority of chromosomal aberrations are unbalanced. It has been estimated that truly balanced chromosomal rearrangements account for disease in less than 1% of affected individuals with ID [HOCHSTENBACH *ET AL.*, 2009]. A copy number variant (CNV) is defined as a DNA segment that is 1 kb or larger and present at variable copy numbers in comparison with a reference genome [REDON *ET AL.*, 2006; FEUK *ET AL.*, 2006].

Copy number variations (CNVs) encompass deletions, insertions, duplications, and complex multi-site variants [FREDMAN *ET AL.*, 2004]. CNVs that are associated with ID often contain several genes that are expressed specifically in the brain or are enriched in neurodegenerative pathways [WEBBER *ET AL.*, 2009]. For many microdeletion syndromes it has yet to be identified which gene in the common deleted region is responsible for which phenotypic feature present in the syndrome [RAYMOND AND TARPEY, 2006].

Single gene defects give rise to a large variety of X-linked or autosomal ID forms as introduced in the following sections. Disease-causing alterations underlying monogenic disorders encompass a wide range of mutation categories. Small insertions or deletions and splice site mutations can lead to frameshifts that alter the translational reading frame of mRNA. Mutations that result in aberrant splicing can be caused by mutations that change the conserved intron donor and acceptor sequences, but also by mutations in other cis-acting regulatory sites or by mutations that activate cryptic splice sites. Nonsense mutations generate premature stop codons and can give rise to truncated proteins, but most nonsense mutations result in null alleles as they trigger nonsense-mediated mRNA decay (NMD). Single gene defects that give rise to proteins comprise missense mutations and in-frame insertions and deletions [STRACHAN AND READ, 2003].

1.1.1 X-linked intellectual disability

The X chromosome is 155 Mbp long and contains approximately 5 % of the haploid human genome [ROSS *ET AL.*, 2005]. In males up to 12 % of ID is caused by mutations in X chromosomal protein coding genes [ROPERS, 2010a,b, 2008; ROPERS AND HAMEL, 2005]. As males only carry the maternally derived X chromosome, any mutation in genes without counterpart on the Y chromosome will have a direct impact on the phenotype. Females inherit one X chromosome from each parent, but only one is active, whereas the other one is randomly inactivated and the outcome of X-linked intellectual disability (XLID) is dependent on the percentage of cells in which

the mutated allele is expressed [CHELLY AND MANDEL, 2001].

More than 500 genes located on the X chromosome are expressed in the brain. They encode transcription factors, channels, receptors, DNA- and RNA-binding proteins, scaffolders, enzymes, and components involved in signal transduction [LAUMONNIER *ET AL.*, 2007]. X chromosomal genes seem to influence general intelligence as well as social cognition and emotional regulation. XLID candidate genes function in cell migration, development and regulation of neuronal networks, cell to cell communication and brain development [ROSS *ET AL.*, 2005; LISIK, 2010].

Fragile X syndrome

The fragile X syndrome (FXS, MIM #300624) accounts for up to 25 % of all XLID cases and thus is the most abundant form of XLID. It has a prevalence of 1:4000 – 1:6000 in males and 1:8000 – 1:10 000 in females. FXS is characterized by ID, behavioural problems, distinctive facial features and features characteristic for autism [HAGERMAN *ET AL.*, 2012]. The variable phenotype observed in individuals with FSX can be due to germline mosaicism and, in the female patients, to X-inactivation [BHAKAR *ET AL.*, 2012].

In the vast majority of cases FSX is caused by a CCG trinucleotide extension in the 5'UTR of *FMR1*, that leads to hypermethylation and thus transcriptional silencing, resulting in the absence of the gene product, FMRP (fragile X mental retardation protein). Known point mutations affecting *FMR1* and resulting in FXS comprise two missense mutations (p.I304N [DE BOULLE *ET AL.*, 1993] and p.R138Q [COLLINS *ET AL.*, 2010]), a 1-bp deletion in exon five leading to a frameshift and premature stop-codon, and a 2-bp change affecting the intron/exon boundary of the second exon [LUGENBEEL *ET AL.*, 1995]. In addition, a microduplication encompassing *FMR1* and *ASFMR1* was found to result in developmental delay, epilepsy and hyperactivity [VENGOECHEA *ET AL.*, 2012].

Affected individuals as well as *Fmr1* knockout mice show an increase in dendritic spine density and abnormal spine morphology [COMERY *ET AL.*, 1997; HINTON *ET AL.*, 1991; IRWIN *ET AL.*, 2000]. Moreover, proteins involved in synaptic functioning and neuronal activity are decreased in the prefrontal cortex of *Fmr1* knockout mice [KRUEGER *ET AL.*, 2011].

Several treatment strategies for FSX have been developed. Lithium reverses synaptic plasticity deficits and increases rates of cerebral protein synthesis in *Fmr1* knockout mice [CHOI *ET AL.*, 2011; LIU *ET AL.*, 2012]. In affected human individuals, lithium improved behaviour as well as adaptive and cognitive skills in a pilot trial [BERRY-KRAVIS *ET AL.*, 2008]. Several FXS symptoms concerning the nervous system are caused by unbalanced activation of group one mGluRs (metabotropic glutamate receptors) [DÖLEN *ET AL.*, 2007]. FMRP and mGluR5 act as antagonists. Fenobam, a selective mGluR5 antagonist [PORTER *ET AL.*, 2005], improves behaviour and cognitive traits [BERRY-KRAVIS *ET AL.*, 2009]. Several selective mGluR5 negative allosteric modulators are currently being tested in clinical trials for FXS (www.clinicaltrials.gov).

Other forms of XLID

To date, at least 230 different XLID disorders, including 160 syndromic forms have been reported. So far, at least 72 genes implicated in syndromic XLID have been cloned, of which 19 genes give rise to non-syndromic XLID and 17 genes have been implicated in both kinds of XLID [LUBS *ET AL.*, 2012; LISIK, 2010]. These results underline that XLID is very heterogeneous [ROPER, 2006].

Major functions of genes associated with XLID are involved in transcriptional regulation (approx. 22 %), signal transduction (approx. 19 %), metabolism (approx. 15 %) or have membrane-associated functions (approx. 15 %). The remaining roles (each with about 3–5 %) of XLID genes are in DNA- and RNA processing, DNA metabolism, protein synthesis, ubiquitination, cytoskeleton, cell cycle and cell adhesion [ROPER, 2008].

Following FSX as the chief cause for XLID, the second most common cause of XLID (5 %) are defects in *ARX* (aristaless-related homeobox gene; for review see e. g. [GÉCZ *ET AL.*, 2006; SHOUBRIDGE *ET AL.*, 2010]). Mutations in *ARX* cause a large spectrum of brain disorders (Mental retardation, X-linked 36/43/54 MIM #300419; Epileptic encephalopathy, early infantile, 1 MIM #308350; Lissencephaly, X-linked 2 MIM #300215; Hydranencephaly with abnormal genitalia MIM #300215; Partington syndrome MIM #309510 and Proud syndrome MIM #300004). As a member of the Aristaless-related gene family encoding transcription factors, *ARX* is required for crucial steps during development of the central nervous system (CNS) [KAUFMAN *ET AL.*, 2010]. *ARX* target genes control cortical interneuron migration and differentiation [FRIOCOURT AND PARNAVELAS, 2011]. *ARX* mutation analyses, including mutations present in *ARX* disorders, have provided evidence that mutations located in the homeodomain result in a loss of DNA binding activity and in a loss of transcriptional repression activity [CHO *ET AL.*, 2012; SHOUBRIDGE *ET AL.*, 2012]. Further genes prevalent in XLID include *JARID1C*, *SLC6A8*, and *CUL4B* [ROPER, 2008]. For in-depth review see e. g. [LUBS *ET AL.*, 2012; GÉCZ *ET AL.*, 2009].

1.1.2 Autosomal intellectual disability

Autosomal dominant intellectual disability

Autosomal dominant (AD) forms of severe ID are without much doubt almost exclusively the result of *de novo* mutations, as affected individuals will usually stay without offspring. The prevalence of dominant ID is currently unknown, but ADID is thought to be quite common [ROPER, 2010b], since *de novo* point mutations, for example, occur at a rate of about 2.0×10^{-8} per base pair per generation [O'ROAK *ET AL.*, 2012; SANDERS *ET AL.*, 2012; IOSSIFOV *ET AL.*, 2012]. Fifteen genes have been associated with non-syndromic ADID to date (Table 1.2).

The most common cause of non-syndromic ADID are truncating mutations in *SYNGAP1*, which have also been associated with autism [HAMDAN *ET AL.*, 2009, 2011a]. *SYNGAP1* encodes a neuronal Ras GTPase activating protein that lies downstream of NMDA receptors and is an intermediate required for neural circuit function and behaviour [GUO *ET AL.*, 2009]. Interaction of *SYNGAP1* with PSD-95, a scaffolding protein of the postsynaptic density, is required for deter-

Table 1.2: ADID genes and their molecular function

Gene	Protein function	Reference
<i>ARID1B</i>	component of the SWI/SNF chromatin remodeling complex	[HOYER <i>ET AL.</i> , 2012; SANTEN <i>ET AL.</i> , 2012; TSURUSAKI <i>ET AL.</i> , 2012]
<i>CACNG2</i>	type I transmembrane AMPA receptor regulatory protein (TARP)	[HAMDAN <i>ET AL.</i> , 2011b]
<i>CDH15</i>	calcium-dependent intercellular adhesion glycoprotein	[BHALLA <i>ET AL.</i> , 2008]
<i>CIC</i>	transcriptional repressor	[VISSERS <i>ET AL.</i> , 2010]
<i>DEAF1</i>	transcription factor	[VISSERS <i>ET AL.</i> , 2010]
<i>DOCK8</i>	guanine nucleotide exchange factor	[GRIGGS <i>ET AL.</i> , 2008]
<i>DYNC1H1</i>	dynein	[VISSERS <i>ET AL.</i> , 2010]
<i>EPB41L1</i>	multifunctional protein that mediates interactions between the erythrocyte cytoskeleton and the overlying plasma membrane	[HAMDAN <i>ET AL.</i> , 2011b]
<i>GRIN1</i>	subunit of N-methyl-D-aspartate receptors (glutamate receptor)	[HAMDAN <i>ET AL.</i> , 2011b]
<i>MDB5</i>	methyl-CpG binding domain protein 5	[WAGENSTALLER <i>ET AL.</i> , 2007]
<i>KIF1A</i>	kinesin	[HAMDAN <i>ET AL.</i> , 2011b]
<i>KIRREL3</i>	nephrin-like protein	[BHALLA <i>ET AL.</i> , 2008]
<i>SHANK2</i>	scaffold protein in the postsynaptic density	[BERKEL <i>ET AL.</i> , 2010]
<i>SYNGAP1</i>	synaptic Ras GTPase activating protein 1	[HAMDAN <i>ET AL.</i> , 2009]
<i>YY1</i>	transcription factor	[VISSERS <i>ET AL.</i> , 2010]

mining the timing of spine formation and the size of mature spines [VAZQUEZ *ET AL.*, 2004]. SYNGAP1 is also involved in the regulation of spine morphology and in transient NMDA-receptor-dependent regulation of the spine cytoskeleton [CARLISLE *ET AL.*, 2008]. Homozygous *SynGAP*^(-/-) mice die shortly after birth [KOMIYAMA *ET AL.*, 2002; KIM *ET AL.*, 2003; VAZQUEZ *ET AL.*, 2004]. Adult heterozygous *SynGAP*^(+/-) mice exhibit a reduced amplitude of hippocampal long-term potentiation (LTP) and impaired learning in the Morris Water Maze [KOMIYAMA *ET AL.*, 2002]. It has been found that a reduction of SynGAP concentration starts during the first week of life, leading to enhanced neuronal apoptosis [KNUESEL *ET AL.*, 2005].

Autosomal recessive intellectual disability

In consanguineous populations recessively inherited congenital disorders including autosomal recessive forms of ID (ARID) are up to ten times more frequent than in outbred populations [MODELL AND DARR, 2002], reflecting the high proportion of homozygous DNA in offspring of consanguineous parents. Parental consanguinity and large families are common in Northern Africa and the Middle East. In Iran, for example, 40 % of children are born to consanguineous parents [NAJMABADI *ET AL.*, 2011]. This leads to an increased inheritance of recessive traits from

both parents (autozygosity, i. e. homozygosity for alleles identical by descent) [LANDER AND BOTSTEIN, 1987; KAUFMAN *ET AL.*, 2010]. The strategy of choice for investigating molecular causes of ARID is a combination of linkage analysis and homozygosity mapping in large consanguineous families followed by mutation screening in thus identified candidate genes [BULL *ET AL.*, 1998; LANDER AND BOTSTEIN, 1987]. So far, all of the genes implicated in ARID have been identified using this approach. All but the seven following genes have been reported in a single family:

- ELP2* *ELP2* is part of the RNA polymerase II elongator complex. This complex is a histone acetyltransferase component of RNA polymerase II. *ELP2* might be involved in chromatin remodeling and has a role in acetylation of histones H3 and H4. Defects in *ELP2* are present in two families with NSID [NAJMABADI *ET AL.*, 2011].
- MAN1B1* ERManI (endoplasmic reticulum mannosyl-oligosaccharide 1,2- α -mannosidase), encoded by *MAN1B1*, is a member of the glycosyl hydrolase family 47 (GH47). These enzymes are involved in N-glycan processing and also in endoplasmic reticulum quality control, preparing misfolded glycoproteins for degradation [KARAVEG *ET AL.*, 2005]. To date, five families have been identified with defects in *MAN1B1* segregating with mild to moderate syndromic ID (SID) or NSID [RAFIQ *ET AL.*, 2011; NAJMABADI *ET AL.*, 2011].
- NSUN2* *NSUN2* (NOP2/Sun domain family, member 2) exhibits methyltransferase activity against hemimethylated DNA as well as rRNA and tRNA *in vitro* [FRYE AND WATT, 2006]. Furthermore, the protein interacts with the mitotic spindle and is involved in cell division. The latter functions are independent of the methyltransferase activity of *NSUN2* [HUSSAIN *ET AL.*, 2009]. Deletion of the *NSUN2* ortholog in *D. melanogaster* leads to severe impairment of short-term-memory [ABBASI-MOHEB *ET AL.*, 2012]. Five families present with mutations in *NSUN2* and moderate to severe SID. *NSUN2* has recently been implicated in a Dubowitz-like syndrome encompassing mild microcephaly, ID, growth retardation, facial dysmorphologies and eczema [MARTINEZ *ET AL.*, 2012].
- ST3GAL3* *ST3GAL3* encodes the β -galactoside- α 2,3-sialyltransferase-III (ST3Gal-III). This Golgi enzyme catalyses the formation of the epitope sialyl Lewis^a (which is involved in cell-to-cell recognition) on glycoproteins. In affected individuals ST3Gal-III activity is severely impaired and the protein displays a cellular distribution in the endoplasmic reticulum. Defects in *ST3GAL3* are present in two families and the affected individuals suffer from mild to severe NSID [HU *ET AL.*, 2011].
- TRAPPC9* The most common cause for ARID today are mutations in *TRAPPC9*. In six families the patients suffer from moderate to severe SID [MIR *ET AL.*, 2009; PHILIPPE *ET AL.*, 2009; MOCHIDA *ET AL.*, 2009; ABOU JAMRA *ET AL.*, 2011; MARANGI *ET AL.*, 2012].

The gene *TRAPPC9* encodes subunit nine of the transport protein particle complex (TRAPP), a conserved protein complex involved in endocytic and secretory pathways [SACHER *ET AL.*, 2008]. TRAPPC9 functions in nerve growth factor-induced differentiation and enhances TNF α -induced NF- κ B activation *in vitro* [HU *ET AL.*, 2005]. Loss of *TRAPPC9* in affected individuals might disrupt neuronal differentiation [MIR *ET AL.*, 2009].

TUSC3 *TUSC3* has a vital function in the vertebrate plasma membrane magnesium ion transport system [ZHOU AND CLAPHAM, 2009]. As in rats increased magnesium ion levels in brain enhance learning and memory, imbalanced magnesium ion transport caused by loss of *TUSC3* is probably the cause of ID in affected individuals [GARSHASBI *ET AL.*, 2011]. Defects in *TUSC3* have been identified in four kindreds with ID ranging from moderate to severe [GARSHASBI *ET AL.*, 2008; MOLINARI *ET AL.*, 2008; GARSHASBI *ET AL.*, 2011; KHAN *ET AL.*, 2011].

ZNF526 *ZNF526* is a krüppel-type zinc finger protein involved in transcription regulation [SwissProt Accession Number Q8TF50]. Mutations in *ZNF526* lead to severe NSID in two kindreds [NAJMABADI *ET AL.*, 2011].

Mutations causing ARID affect a large variety of functionally different genes, including e. g. housekeeping genes coding for histones, histone demethylases, proteins involved in transcriptional regulation, splicing, protein degradation, fatty acid synthesis and turnover, cell cycle control, and cell migration. ARID genes with brain specific functions are involved in glia cell differentiation, regulation of neurotransmission, calcium channel functioning, exocytosis or neurotransmitter release as well as components of the Ras and Rho signaling pathways, that are critically involved in synapse function and formation as well as during neurodevelopment. It is obvious that ARID is extremely heterogenous, even much more than XLID, and common forms apparently do not exist. Furthermore, the majority of genes identified in ARID are ubiquitously expressed and have vital functions involving basic cellular processes rather than being confined to neuron or synapse function [NAJMABADI *ET AL.*, 2011].

2 Aim of this study

Early onset ID is the most frequent handicap in children and the vast majority of ID caused by single gene defects is due to mutations on the autosomes. This thesis aims at the the identification and functional characterization of specific genetic defects in two Iranian families with ARID, where systematic clinical studies and autozygosity mapping was performed before during a collaborative project between the Max Planck Institute for Molecular Genetics, Berlin, Germany and the Genetics Research Center (GRC) at the University of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation Sciences, Tehran, Iran.

3 Patients, Materials and Methods

3.1 Patients

This study was carried out in accordance with the ethical standards of the appropriate national and institutional committees. Affected individuals and their families were recruited by the Genetics Research Center (GRC) at the University of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation Sciences, Tehran, Iran. In all cases, informed consent was given by healthy family members and the patient's parents. Photographs were taken to determine physical findings and the mental status of the affected family members was examined using a modified version of the Wechsler Intelligence test. The karyotype of each patient was examined and fragile X-syndrome (FXS) was excluded.

3.1.1 Family M289

Family M289 is an Iranian family with arabic ethnicity and four individuals presenting with ARID (Figure 3.1). The affected family members presented with moderate ID and borderline microcephaly with the occipitofrontal circumference (OCF) below the third centile (Table 3.1). The patients and the parents' height are below the third centile as well. DNA was extracted from peripheral blood of the patients (V:1, V:2, V:4, V:6), three healthy siblings (V:3, V:5, V:7) and their parents (IV:1 and IV:2) using standard procedures. The karyotype of all patients was normal.

Table 3.1: Clinical features of family M289

Family member	Sex	Age at examination	IQ	Height	OFC	Additional features
V:1	m	29	45	158	51	pes platus,thin body
V:2	m	12	40-50	151	48	pes platus,thin body
V:4	f	16	45	151	48	NS
V:6	f	14	40	151	48	NS
IV:1	f	-	-	151	53	-
IV:2	m	-	-	165	55	-

OCF occipitofrontal circumference; NS not seen

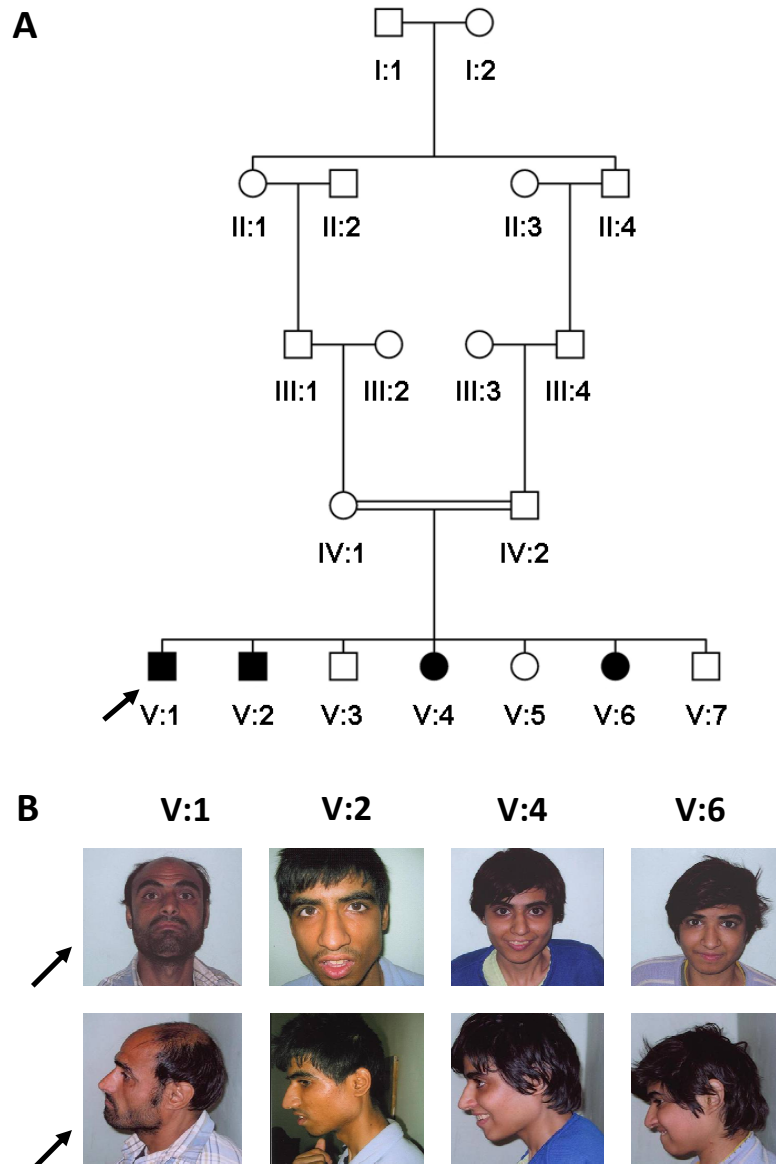


FIGURE 3.1: **A**) Pedigree of family M289. Full symbols denote affected individuals with ID. **B**) Facial images of affected individuals. V:1 (arrow) is the index patient.

3.1.2 Family 8600485

Family 8600485 is an Iranian family with Fars ethnicity and four individuals presenting with severe ID and a history of generalized tonic-clonic seizures without hyperactivity or attention deficit (Figure 3.2). All affected individuals were born full-term after uneventful pregnancies with birth weights between 3000 and 3500 grams. During the neonatal period all affected individuals suffered from hypotonia. All patients had developmental delay (Table 3.2). They started to speak at four to six years of age and walking had not started until about age 3.5. Patient V:9 (Figure 3.2) has a history of unilateral glaucoma, which has started at the age of 11 years. Apart from epilepsy, the patients suffered from no other neurologic disorders and they had no neuropsychiatric problems. Seizures were successfully treated with carbamazepine. Brain magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) scans or metabolic tests were not performed in this family.

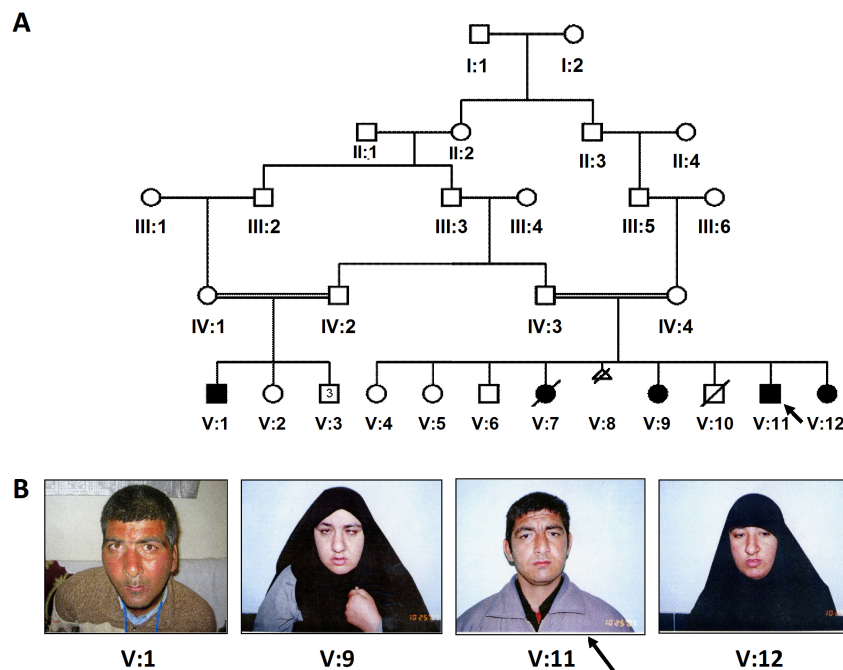


FIGURE 3.2: A) Pedigree of family 8600485. Full symbols denote affected individuals with ID. B) Facial images of affected individuals. V:11 (arrow) is the index patient.

Table 3.2: Clinical features of the affected members of family 8600485

Patient	Sex	Age at examination	IQ	Height	OFC
V:1	m	27	—*	181	55.0
V:9	f	27	30	163	51.1
V:11	m	23	35	181	55.5
V:12	f	21	35	157	52.0

OCF occipitofrontal circumference; * diagnosed as severely intellectually disabled without IQ testing

3.2 Materials

3.2.1 Consumables (disposable materials)

Product	Supplier
ABgene® PCR Plates	Thermo Scientific
Adhesive PCR Film	Thermo Scientific
BD Plastipak®, 50 ml	Luer
BD Discardit™ II, 10 ml	Luer
Cellstar® tubes, 50 ml	Greiner Bio-One
Cell culture flasks	TTP
Combitips® PLUS 0.1 and 0.2 ml	Eppendorf
Cover slips	Menzel-Gläser
Cryo.S™ with srew cap	Greiner Bio-One
Disposable reaction tube 14 ml	Greiner Bio-One
Disposable reaction tube 30 ml	Sarstedt
EIA/RIA 96 Well, no lid, flat bottom, high binding, costar	Corning
Falcon tube	Greiner Bio-One
FIA-Plate, black, 96 Well, flat bottom, non binding	Greiner Bio-One
Flexible Plate, 96 Well, U Bottom without Lid	BD Falcon™
Hypercassette™	Amersham
MicroAmp™ 8-Cap Strip	Applied Biosystems
Microscopic slides	Roth
MultiFlex Round Tips	Sorenson BioScience
MultiFlex Ultra PCR tube	Sorenson BioScience
Non pyrogenic serological pipette (2, 5, 10 & 25 ml)	Corning
Parafilm	Pechiney Plastic Packaging
Pasteur pipette	Roth
PCR plate (96 well)	ABgene
Premium Tips	Biozym
PVDF Western Blotting Membranes	Roche
Reaction tube (1.5 & 2.0 ml)	Eppendorf
Röhre 30 ml	Sarstedt
Rotilabo®-Spritzenfilter, PVDF, steril 45 µm	Roth
Safe-Lock Tubes, 0.5, 1.5 and 2.0 ml	Eppendorf
Surgical Disposable Scalpel	Aesculap
Space Saver® 10 µl	Rainin
Super RX FUJI Medical X Rax Film	Fujifilm
Thermowell® Gold PCR Plates	Corning
Thermowell® 96 Well PCR Plates	Corning
Ultra Tube, 0.65 ml	Roth
UVette® 220-1600 nm	Eppendorf
Whatman paper	Sigma

3.2.2 General reagents

Chemical product	Supplier
Acetic acid	Merck
ATP disodium salt hydrate	Sigma
Albumin, from bovine serum	Sigma
Ammonium persulfate	Sigma
Ampicillin	Sigma
Aqua ad iniectabilia	Baxter
β -mercaptoethanol	Whatman
Bacto™ Tryptone	BD Biosciences
Bacto™ Yeast Extract	BD Biosciences
Betaine	Sigma
BigDye®	Applied Biosciences
BigDye® Terminator	Applied Biosciences
BIOMOL GREEN Reagent™	Enzo life sciences
Bio-X-Act™ Long Mix	Bioline
Bromophenol Blue	Sigma
Chloramphenicol	Sigma
Chloroform	Merck
Complete, Mini Protease Inhibitor Cocktail Tablets	Roche
DAPI	Serva
DEPC	Aldrich
Digitonin	Sigma
DTT	Invitrogen
DMEM	Lonza
dNTPs	Roth
EDTA	Merck
Ethanol	Merck
Ethidiumbromide solution	Sigma
Expand Long Range dNTP Pack	Roche
FailSafe™ PCR System	Epicentre Biotechnologies
FBS	Sigma
First strand buffer 5 ×	Merk
Ficoll™	Amersham Biosciences
Fluoromount G	Southern Biotechnologies
Formaldehyde – 37 % (v/v)	FlukaBiochemika
Formamide	FlukaBiochemika
Glycerol – 85 % and 100 %	Merck
Glycin	Merck
HEPES	USB Corporation
Imperial™ Protein Stain	Thermo Scientific
IPTG	Roth
Isopropanol	Merck

Chemical product	Supplier
Hydrochloric acid	Merck
Kanamycin	Invitrogen
LipoFECTAMINE™ ₂₀₀₀ Reagent	Invitrogen
L-glutamine	Lonza
L-serine	Sigma
Magnesium chloride	Merck
Methanol	Merck
Milk powder	Uelzena eG
NAD ⁺	Sigma
NADH	Sigma
OPTI-MEM®	Life Technologies
P/S	Lonza
PFA	Merck
Phenol	Sigma
Phenol : chloroform : isoamyl alcohol (25 : 24 : 1)	Sigma
Potassium dihydrogen phosphate	Merck
Potassium chloride	Sigma
Random Primers	Promega
Rotiphorese® Gel 30	Roth
SDS	Bio-Rad
Sodium acetate	Sigma-Aldrich
Sodium chloride	Roth
Sodium hydroxide	Merck or Sigma
Sodium hydrogen phosphate	Merck
Succinic semialdehyde	Santa Cruz Biotechnology
TEMED	Gibco BRL
Triton® X-100	Sigma-Aldrich
TRIzol reagent	Gibco BRL
Trypsin/EDTA solution	Lonza
Tween® 20	Sigma-Aldrich
UltraPure™ Agarose	Invitrogen
Urea	Biorad
Xylencyanol	Roth
X-Gal	Roth

3.2.3 Kits and Markers

Product	Supplier
1 kbp DNA ladder	Roth
GeneChip® Human Mapping 50K Array and Assay Kit	Affymetrix
GST Bulk Kit	GE-Healthcare
Human610-Quad BeadChip Kit	Illumina
HyperLadder™ I	Bioline
HyperLadder™ IV	Bioline
HyperLadder™ V	Bioline
MinElute PCR Purification Kit	Qiagen
QIAfilter™ Plasmid Maxi Kit	Qiagen
QIAprep® Spin Miniprep Kit	Qiagen
QIAquick® Gel Extraction Kit	Qiagen
QIAshredder	Qiagen
PageRuler™ Prestained Protein Ladder	Fermentas
PD-10 Columns	GE-Healthcare
Phase Lock Gel Heavy, 2 ml	Eppendorf
pUC Mix Marker, 8	Fermentas
QIAquick Gel Extraction Kit	Qiagen
QuickChange™ II XL Site-Directed Mutagenesis Kit	Stratagene

3.2.4 Equipment

Miscellaneous	
Name	Supplier
Concentrator 5301	Eppendorf
LSM 700 (confocal microscope)	Zeiss
Microwave privileg 9023G	Privileg
NanoDrop® ND-1000 Spectrophotometer	Peqlab
pH meter 766 Calimatic	Knick
POLARstar Omega (microplate reader)	BMG Labtech
Promax 2020 (shaker)	Heidolph
Research pro 100 electropipette	Eppendorf
Sonopuls HD 2070 (ultrasonic cell disruptor)	Bandelin
Ultrospec II 4050 (photometer)	LKB Biochrom
Water bath	Köttermann
Electrophoresis tanks	
Name	Supplier
Electrophoresis System	GibcoBRL
Horizon® 11-14 and 20-25	Heraeus
Horizontal Gel Incubator B 5050 E	Heraeus
Maxi-Gel-Kammer HU25, No. 2562	Roth

Centrifuges	
Name	Supplier
Centrifuge 5417R	Eppendorf
Centrifuge 5810R	Eppendorf
Rotanta 46K	Hettich
Sorvall RC-5 and Sorvall RC-5B Refrigerated Superspeed Centrifuge	Dupont Instruments-Sorvall

Incubators	
Name	Supplier
Incubator shaker C24	New Brunswick Scientific
Incubator shaker G25	New Brunswick Scientific
Forma Scientific CO ₂ water jacketed incubator 3121	Thermo Scientific

PCR cyclers	
Name	Supplier
DNA Engine Tetrad Peltier Thermal Cycler	Bio-Rad
GeneAmp [®] PCR System 9700	Applied Biosystems
Peltier Thermal Cycler PTC-225	MJ Research
Name	Supplier
MR 3002	Heidolph
MR 1000	Heidolph
Thermomixer 5436	Eppendorf
Thermomixer comfort 1.5 ml	Eppendorf

Western Blotting Equipment	
Name	Supplier
Mini-PROTEAN [®] 3 Cell SDS-PAGE system	Bio-Rad
PowerPac HC Power Supply	Bio-Rad
PowerPac Universal Power Supply	Bio-Rad
Trans-Blot [®] SD Semi-Dry Transfer Cell	Bio-Rad

3.2.5 Buffers, solutions and media

Solution	Composition
Ampicillin	50 mg/ml ampicillin was dissolved in ddH ₂ O, sterilized by filtration and stored at -20 °C
APS 10	10 % w/v APS was dissolved in ddH ₂ O, aliquoted and stored at -20 °C
Blocking buffers	a) 3 % BSA in 1× PBST b) 5 % milk powder in 1× PBST
Miniprep buffer 1	50 mM glucose

Solution	Composition
	10 mM EDTA 25 mM Tris-HCl, pH 8.0
Miniprep buffer 2	0.2 M NaOH 1 % SDS
Miniprep buffer 3	3 M sodium acetate, pH 4.8
Cell Fractionation Lysis Buffer	20 mM HEPES, pH 7.4 50 mM NaCl 5 mM MgCl ₂ 16 µl 25 × complete protease inhibitor solution 80 mg/ml digitonin
Chloramphenicol	34 mg/ml chloramphenicol was dissolved in ethanol and stored at -20 °C
DNA re-suspension buffer	0.4 M Tris-HCl, pH 8.0 0.06 M NaEDTA 0.15 M NaCl
DNA-loading buffer	20 % Ficoll 0.1 % Bromophenol blue 0.1 % Xylencyanol in ddH ₂ O
Ethidium bromide	10 mg/ml EtBr was dissolved in ddH ₂ O
Elution buffer	50 mM Tris-HCl, pH 8.0 10 mM Glutathione
Kanamycin	10 mg/ml kanamycin was dissolved in ddH ₂ O, sterilized by filtration and stored at -20 °C
Mager Mix	50 µl dNTP Mix 5 ml 10 × PCR buffer 5 ml 25 mM MgCl ₂ 5 ml 5 M betaine 34.3 ml ddH ₂ O 500 µl MPI-Taq 10 U/µl 14 µl MPI-Pfu-Taq 10 U/µl

Solution	Composition
Magic Mix	48 % urea 15 mM Tris-HCl, pH 7.5 8.7 % glycerol 1 % SDS 0.004 % Bromophenol Blue 143 mM β -mercaptoethanol
PBS 1 \times buffer	137 mM NaCl 2.7 mM KCl 10.1 mM Na_2HPO_4 1.8 mM KH_2PO_4
PBST 1 \times buffer	1 \times PBS 1:1000 Tween 20
Pyrophosphate release reaction buffer	100 mM Tris-HCl, pH 7.6 10 mM MgCl_2 40 mM KCl 1 mM DTT 1 mM ATP 0.2 mM L-serine
SDS-lysis buffer	0.1 M Tris-HCl, pH 6.8 0.1 M NaCl 1 M β -mercaptoethanol 5 % SDS 15 % glycerol
SDS-PAGE electrode buffer 1 \times	72 g glycine 25 ml 10 % SDS 15 g Tris add 5 l ddH ₂ O
Sepharose column binding buffer	10 mM PBS, pH 7.4
SSADH-buffer	100 mM Tris-HCl, pH 8.6 50 mM KCl 0.1 mM EDTA 20 mM β -mercaptoethanol 0.1 % Triton [®] X-100

Solution	Composition
TAE 50 × buffer	50 mM EDTA 5.71 % (v/v) acetic acid 2 M Tris-HCl
TE buffer	10 mM Tris-HCl, pH 7.5 1 mM EDTA
Western Blot Blotting Buffer 5 ×	14.55 g Tris 7.33 g glycine 9.375 ml 10 % SDS dissolve in 1 l ddH ₂ O; add 20 % methanol to 1 × Western Blot Blotting Buffer
Media for mammalian cell culture	
SH-SY5Y medium	166 ml DMEM 30 ml 10 % FCS 2 ml P/S 2 ml L-glutamine
HeLa and HEK293-T medium	500 ml DMEM 55 ml 10 % FCS 6 ml P/S 7 ml L-glutamine
Bacterial growth media	
LB medium	5 g yeast extract 10 g tryptone 10 g NaCl after solving in 800 ml ddH ₂ O, add ddH ₂ O to a final volume of 1 l
2 × -YTA medium	10 g yeast extract 16 g tryptone 5 g NaCl after solving in 800 ml ddH ₂ O, add ddH ₂ O to a final volume of 1 l

3.2.6 *E. coli* strains

Strain	Properties	Supplier
BL21	B F ⁻ <i>dcm ompT hsdS</i> (r _B ⁻ m _B ⁻) <i>gal</i> [<i>mal</i> _B ⁺] _{K-12} (λ ^S)	Stratagene
TOP10	F- <i>mcrA</i> Δ(<i>mrr-hsdRMS-mcrBC</i>) φ80 <i>lacZ</i> ΔM15 Δ <i>lacX74</i> <i>recA1 araD139</i> Δ(<i>ara-leu</i>)7697 <i>galU galK rpsL</i> (StrR) <i>endA1 nupG</i>	Invitrogen

Strain	Properties	Supplier
XL10-Gold	TetR $\Delta(mcrA)183$ $\Delta(mcrCB-hsdSMR-mrr)173$ <i>endA1</i> <i>supE44</i> <i>thi-1</i> <i>recA1</i> <i>gyrA96</i> <i>relA1</i> <i>lac</i> Hte [F' <i>proAB lacI^qZ</i> $\Delta M15$ Tn10 (TetR) Amy CamR]	Stratagene

3.2.7 Human derived cell lines

Cell line	Tissue	Disease	Reference
HeLa	cervix	adenocarcinoma	[GEY <i>ET AL.</i> , 1952; SCHERER AND HOOGASIAN, 1954]
HEK293-T	kidney	–	[GRAHAM <i>ET AL.</i> , 1977]
SH-S5Y5	bone marrow	neuroblastoma	[BIEDLER <i>ET AL.</i> , 1978]
U373	brain	glioblastoma astrocytoma	[PONTEN AND MACINTYRE, 1968]

3.2.8 Total RNA from human brain

Developmental stage	Brain tissues (all total RNA products were purchased from BioChain)
adult	total brain, cerebral cortex, frontal lobe, hippocampus, parietal lobe, temporal lobe
fetal	total brain, frontal lobe, parietal lobe, temporal lobe

3.2.9 Enzymes and restriction endonucleases

Miscellaneous enzymes			Restriction endonucleases	
Name	Supplier		Name	Supplier
Pfu Ultra High-Fidelity DNA Polymerase	Agilent Technologies		<i>Bam</i> HI	Promega
RQ1 RNase-Free DNase	Promega		<i>Dpn</i> I	New England Biolabs
SuperScript [®] III Reverse Transcriptase	Invitrogen		<i>Eco</i> RI	Promega
T4 RNA Polymerase	Promega		<i>Hind</i> III	Fermentas
Taq DNA Polymerase	Qiagen		<i>Nde</i> I	Pharmacia Biotech
			<i>Xho</i> I	New England Biolabs

3.2.10 Plasmids

Plasmid	Properties	Reference
pEYFP-N1	EYFP protein tag (C-terminal fusion), Km ^r , Nm ^r	Clontech
pmCherry-C1	mCherry protein tag (N-terminal fusion), Km ^r , Nm ^r	Clontech
pGEX-6P-3	GST protein tag (N-terminal fusion), PreScission [™] protease cleavage site, Amp ^r	GE Healthcare
pOTB7-SARS	SARS cDNA (IRAUp969Ho86oD), Cm ^r	imaGenes

3.2.11 Antibodies

Primary antibodies	Supplier
SARS, clone 1H4 ; monoclonal; raised in mouse	Abnova
GST; polyclonal; raised in goat	abcam
Lamin A/C; raised in mouse	Santa Cruz Biotechnology
Tubulin; raised in rat	abcam
Anti-GFP HRP; monoclonal; raised in mouse	abcam
Secondary antibodies	Supplier
bovine anti-goat IgG-HRP	Santa Cruz Biotechnology
goat anti-mouse IgG-HRP	Santa Cruz Biotechnology
mouse/human anti-rat IgG-HRP	Santa Cruz Biotechnology
Alexa 488-labeled goat anti-mouse IgG	Invitrogen

3.2.12 Primers

Primers for Family M289

Listed are the primers used for amplification and sequencing of the coding exons of SARS and ZNF697, RT-PCR as well as amplification and sequencing of SARS and ZNF697 cDNA. Primers used for site-directed mutagenesis and cloning can be found in section 3.5.16. Primers used to sequence the other protein coding genes in interval chr1:107710128-120694597 are listed in the appendix (see section 9.5).

Primer	Sequence	Length
SARS_fw_ex1	TCACAGGCTGAGTGCTGC	268 bp
SARS_rv_ex1	GGTGGCTGGATTTGAGAGAG	
SARS_fw_ex2	GAGAAAGGAGTATCTTAATTATGGGC	193 bp
SARS_rv_ex2	GAGCAAGATCAAATATCTCCGC	
SARS_fw_ex3	TTATAAAACAATGCCAGAGATTTTC	221 bp
SARS_rv_ex3	TGAGAGCACTTGCTGTCTAGG	
SARS_fw_ex4	CTGTGCTGTCCTTGCCTCAC	298 bp
SARS_rv_ex4	TGTTCCACAGATCTCCTCCC	
SARS_fw_ex5	TTAGCCGAGCATAGTGTTC	560 bp
SARS_rv_ex5	CCTGATAAGCCCTCTCTGC	
SARS_fw_ex6	TTCTAGCTGAACATGATGGTGAC	295 bp
SARS_rv_ex6	ACAGCACCCTCTGCATCAC	
SARS_fw_ex7	CTAGCCAAGGTCCTCCCC	362 bp
SARS_rv_ex7	GCCTCAGCAACACAGATCC	
SARS_fw_ex8	GCAAGGATGTCTCCCACTTC	267 bp
SARS_rv_ex8	CTGGTAAGGGTGGCGTCTG	
SARS_fw_ex9	TTCTTCAGGCTTGCTAAAGG	298 bp
SARS_rv_ex9	AGAAATAATTCGGACGGGC	

Primer	Sequence	Length
SARS_fw_ex10	CCGTCAGTAAGACCCGATG	270 bp
SARS_rv_ex10	TATCCTGAAAGGGGACTGC	
SARS_fw_ex11	TGAGTCAGGACTGAGTTCTTTTAGC	252 bp
SARS_rv_ex11	CCTTTTCACCCCTTTCAAGC	
SARS_fw_ex12	GGTCTTAGGGCTTTGACTCAC	297 bp
SARS_rv_ex12	GGCTTCCCTGCTGTTGG	
ZNF697_fw_ex2	GTGGTGAGGGGATGAGACC	413 bp
ZNF697_rv_ex2	CCTTACAGAGAATGCTGTGCGC	
ZNF697_fw_ex3.1	TTACTGAGGTTTTCCTCTGGGC	411 bp
ZNF697_rv_ex3.1	GCGTCCATGATGCTGGC	
ZNF697_fw_ex3.2	GGCACCGAGGTGACAAG	381 bp
ZNF697_rv_ex3.2	GGTTGGTCAGGTAGGTGTTG	
ZNF697_fw_ex3.3	GAGCTGGATAGCCTGGTGG	313 bp
ZNF697_rv_ex3.3	GGTGGTTGGTCAGGTAGGTG	
ZNF697_fw_ex3.4	GATGGTGGGCATGATGG	307 bp
ZNF697_rv_ex3.4	GTGGCTCAACAGATGCGAG	
ZNF697_fw_ex3.5	CTTCAGCCGCAACACCTAC	395 bp
ZNF697_rv_ex3.5	GCTGGTGCTTCACCAAGTC	
ZNF697_fw_ex3.6	GCTTCGTGCGCCGTT	372 bp
ZNF697_rv_ex3.6	GCTGGTGCTGCGTGAG	
ZNF697_fw_ex3.7	GCACCTCTTCACGCACAAG	497 bp
ZNF697_rv_ex3.7	AAGGCTCCCCAGTCACTCTC	
Confirmation of cDNA synthesis		
HUWE1_ex_67	CAAGTGAGGAAAAGGGCAAA	569 bp
HUWE1_ex_68	GTTTCATGAGCTGCCCCAGT	

Amplification and sequencing the cDNA of SARS and ZNF697

Primer	Sequence
cDNA-SARS-1*	GAAGATGGTGCTGGATCTGG
cDNA-SARS-2	GGTCACAGGCTGAGTGCTG
cDNA-SARS-3	GAGAGGATTTGGGGTGATTG
cDNA-SARS-4*	CTAAGCCCTCCCCAGAGATG
cDNA-SARS-5	TCGCCTTCAAAGCCATCTAC
cDNA-SARS-6	CTGATTGCCACCTCAGAGC
cDNA-SARS-7	TGCCCTCATGTTGCTTCTTC
cDNA-ZNF697-1*	AAGGGATTCCCTGGTCACCTC
cDNA-ZNF697-2*	GTGCGTTTTATAGCGGAAGC
cDNA-ZNF697-3	ATGCTGTCCAAGGAACCATC
cDNA-ZNF697-4	CCGGGATATGCTGTCAGACT
cDNA-ZNF697-5	CAGATGTCGGGCACTGCTTC
cDNA-ZNF697-6	GGAGCTGGATAGCCTGGTG

Primer	Sequence
cDNA-ZNF697-7	AAGCGCTTCTCGCACTGG
cDNA-ZNF697-8	CTCGGGGAGCTGGATAGC
cDNA-ZNF697-9	GCCAGCTGAAGCTCTTGC

* primers were used for amplification of cDNA in RT-PCR

Primers for Family M8600485

Primer	Sequence	Length
ALDH5A1_fw_ex1	GCCTCCTCGTCCTCTTG	531 bp
ALDH5A1_rv_ex1	GCTGGTGTCACTTTGGGG	
ALDH5A1_fw_ex2	AGCATTCTGTCTTACACTTGGC	223 bp
ALDH5A1_rv_ex2	GAAGTCAGCGGCTTTCCC	
ALDH5A1_fw_ex3	TTAGGAACACAGAGCCATGC	303 bp
ALDH5A1_rv_ex3	TGAATTGTTTCCCAACTCCC	
ALDH5A1_fw_ex4	TTGCACTAAGGAGGTGGTCC	256 bp
ALDH5A1_rv_ex4	CAAATGCTTCTTTCTGTCCC	
ALDH5A1_fw_ex5	GTGCACCCATTGTTTCCTG	400 bp
ALDH5A1_rv_ex5	GGGGGAGCTACTACATCAAGG	
ALDH5A1_fw_ex6	AGTCTGTCCCCAGTGTCAGC	377 bp
ALDH5A1_rv_ex6	CCAAAATTGGTGATCAGGATG	
ALDH5A1_fw_ex7	TCCCATGTACACCACTGTGC	408 bp
ALDH5A1_rv_ex7	AGGCAGTAGAGGTGGTGGG	
ALDH5A1_fw_ex8	TTTCACAGAGAGGCGGTAGC	346 bp
ALDH5A1_rv_ex8	CTATCCCCACCCCTCCAG	
ALDH5A1_fw_ex9	CCAGCATGCTTTATTGTAACTTAC	418 bp
ALDH5A1_rv_ex9	CAACACAACACTGTCTGCCTCC	
ALDH5A1_fw_ex10	CTGGTTTCCTTTCCTCTCCC	177 bp
ALDH5A1_rv_ex10	AAATCTGGCATGAGCTGGAG	
ALDH5A1_fw_ex11	AAGTCATCAATGGTGCCCTC	365 bp
ALDH5A1_rv_ex11	AAAATAATGGATGGCATGTACC	

3.3 Web resources

Service	URL	Reference
Databases		
1000 Genome Project	http://www.1000genomes.org/	The 1000 Genomes Project Consortium [ABECASIS ET AL., 2010]
Exome Variant Server	http://evs.gs.washington.edu/EVS	NHLBI GO Exome Sequencing Project (ESP), Seattle, WA

Service	URL	Reference
HomoloGene	http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/homologene	[COORDINATORS, 2013]
OMIM [®]	http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/omim	[McKUSICK-NATHANS INSTITUTE OF GENETIC MEDICINE, JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY (BALTIMORE, MD)]
Pfam	http://pfam.sanger.ac.uk/	[FINN <i>ET AL.</i> , 2010]
UCSC Genome Browser	http://genome.ucsc.edu/	[KENT <i>ET AL.</i> , 2002]
UniProt	http://www.uniprot.org/	[UNIPROT-CONSORTIUM, 2011; JAIN <i>ET AL.</i> , 2009]
Online tools		
Interpro	http://www.ebi.ac.uk/interpro/	[QUEVILLON <i>ET AL.</i> , 2005]
Primer3	http://frodo.wi.mit.edu/primer3/	[ROZEN AND SKALETSKY, 2000]
UCSC Table Browser	http://genome.ucsc.edu/cgi-bin/hgTables?org=Human&db=hg19&hgside=194023751&hgta_doMainPage=1	[KAROLCHIK <i>ET AL.</i> , 2004]
Pathogenetic or not predictions		
Mutation Taster	http://www.mutationtaster.org/	[SCHWARZ <i>ET AL.</i> , 2010]
Panther	http://www.pantherdb.org/tools/csnpScoreForm.jsp	[THOMAS <i>ET AL.</i> , 2006, 2003]
PolyPhen2	http://genetics.bwh.harvard.edu/pph2/	[ADZHUBEI <i>ET AL.</i> , 2010]
PROVEAN	http://provean.jcvi.org/index.php	[CHOI <i>ET AL.</i> , 2012]
SIFT	http://sift.jcvi.org/www/SIFT_seq_submit2.html	[KUMAR <i>ET AL.</i> , 2009; NG AND HENIKOFF, 2006, 2003, 2002, 2001]
Predictions of protein stability		
I-Mutant 2.0	http://folding.uib.es/i-mutant/i-mutant2.0.html	[CAPRIOTTI <i>ET AL.</i> , 2005a,b]
SCide	http://www.enzim.hu/scide/ide2.html	[DOSZTANYI <i>ET AL.</i> , 2003]
MUpro	http://www.ics.uci.edu/~baldig/mutation.html	[CHENG <i>ET AL.</i> , 2006]
PopMuSiC	http://babylone.ulb.ac.be/popmusic/	[DEHOUCK <i>ET AL.</i> , 2005]

3.4 Software

Programme	Supplier	Method
CodonCode Aligner	CodonCode Corporation	sequence assembly
Cyrillic 2	CyrillicSoftware	pedigree drawing
E.A.S.Y [®] Win32	Herolab	gel documentation
ImageQuant (Version 5.2)	Molecular Dynamics	quantitative analysis of images
ZEN 2009 Light Edition	Carl Zeiss MicroImaging GmbH	digital imaging

3.5 Molecular biology methods

3.5.1 Production of CaCl₂ competent cells

An overnight culture (100 µl glycerol stock in 5 ml LB medium) was incubated at 37 °C with vigorous shaking. The next day, 500 µl of the overnight culture was used to inoculate 30 ml LB medium. The culture was grown at 37 °C to the logarithmic phase of growth, OD₆₀₀ 0.3, with vigorous agitation. Subsequently, 20 ml culture was centrifuged¹. The supernatant was discarded and the pellet was dissolved in 5 ml of icecold 100 mM MgCl₂, gently mixed, and subsequently centrifuged. The supernatant was discarded and the pellet dissolved in 5 ml of icecold 100 mM MgCl₂ and gently mixed. After incubation on ice for 2 minutes the suspension was centrifuged again. After removal of the supernatant the pellet was dissolved in 1.5 ml of cold 100 mM MgCl₂ and mixed gently.

Aliquots of CaCl₂ competent cells in 85 % glycerol (100 µl) were stored at –80 °C. To determine the efficiency of the CaCl₂ competent cells, 50 µl freshly prepared cells were transformed with 100 ng control plasmid and plated on selective plates, containing the appropriate antibiotic.

3.5.2 Transformation

An aliquot of CaCl₂ competent cells was thawed on ice. After addition of 5 µl ligation mix or 100 ng plasmid DNA, cells were gently mixed and subsequently kept on ice for 60 minutes. An aliquot of CaCl₂ competent cells without addition of DNA was used as negative control.

The cells were then exposed to 42 °C for 45 seconds ("heat shock") and then chilled on ice for one minute. Subsequently, 1 ml of LB medium was added and cells were incubated at 37 °C for one hour with gentle agitation. Cells (100 µl, 150 µl and 100 µl, 150 µl in 1:10 dilution) were plated onto LB selection plates and incubated overnight at 37 °C.

3.5.3 Glycerol Stock Preparation

A single colony of a clone was picked from a plate and incubated overnight in selective LB medium. A 1 ml aliquot of the overnight culture was mixed with 1 ml of 85 % sterile glycerol in a sterile screw cap tube. The glycerol stock was stored at –80 °C.

3.5.4 Small scale DNA preparations – Miniprep

Small scale DNA preparations were carried out to analyse if clones contained the appropriate plasmid. Lysis under alkaline conditions was preferred if many clones had to be analysed.

Lysis under alkaline conditions

For isolation of plasmid DNA, individual colonies were inoculated in 10 ml LB medium containing the appropriate antibiotic. Cells were cultured at 37 °C overnight with vigorous agita-

¹All centrifugation steps were performed at 5000 rpm, using rotor SS34, Sorvall RC-5 or 5B Refrigerated Superspeed Centrifuge (Dupont Instruments-Sorvall) at 4 °C for five minutes.

tion. The next day, 4 ml to 6 ml of cells were centrifuged at 14 000 rpm for one minute. Cells were resuspended in 200 µl miniprep buffer 1 and incubated for five minutes at RT. After addition of 400 µl miniprep buffer 2, reaction vials were inverted ten times, directly placed on ice and kept on ice for 30 minutes after addition of 300 µl miniprep buffer 3. Following addition of 400 µl chloroform and vortexing for ten seconds, the samples were centrifuged at 4 °C and 14 000 rpm for two minutes. The supernatant was transferred to a new 1.5 ml Eppendorf tube and 5 µl RNase (10 mg/ml) was added. After vortexing, samples were incubated at RT for ten minutes. Subsequently, 400 µl isopropanol was added, samples were vortexed and centrifuged at 4 °C and 14 000 rpm for 30 minutes. The supernatant was discarded and pellets were washed by addition of 500 µl 70 % ethanol and centrifugation at 4 °C, 14 000 rpm for 20 minutes. The supernatant was discarded and pellets were dried at RT. The pellet was dissolved in 50 µl EB buffer. Plasmid DNA was stored at -20 °C. All centrifugation steps were performed with centrifuge 5417R (Eppendorf).

Plasmid preparation using QIAprep® Spin Miniprep Kit

For the isolation of small amounts of plasmid DNA the QIAprep® Spin Miniprep Kit was used according to the manufacturer's instructions. Neutralized and cleared bacterial lysate was applied onto the spin column. DNA bound to the silicagel membrane was purified by several washing steps. Elution was performed with 30-50 µl EB buffer.

3.5.5 Large scale DNA preparations – Maxiprep

QIAfilter™ Plasmid Maxi Kit

To obtain plasmid DNA yields of up to 500 µg maxi preps were performed with the QIAfilter™ Plasmid Maxi Kit according to the instructions of the manufacturer. Neutralized bacterial lysates were incubated in the QIAfilter™ Maxi Cartridge for ten minutes, purified by filtration and directly loaded onto the anion-exchange resin. After washing, plasmids were eluted from the resin and precipitated with isopropanol. Plasmid DNA pellets were dissolved in TE buffer.

Preparation of plasmid DNA with JETSTAR 2.0 ENDOTOXIN-FREE Plasmid Maxi Kit

Large scale endotoxin-free plasmid DNA preparations from *E. coli* TOP10 (see subsection 3.2.6) for transient transfection of mammalian cells were performed using JETSTAR 2.0 Plasmid Maxi Kit. This method allows to remove the last traces of bacterial endotoxin from plasmid DNA preparations.

The manufacturer's instructions were followed, with the exception of centrifugation time spans, which were doubled. Briefly, neutralized bacterial lysates were centrifuged at RT. The cleared lysate was loaded onto the equilibrated resin and allowed to enter the resin by gravity flow. The column was first washed with buffer ENDO-2, the second washing step was performed with standard wash buffer E5. After elution with buffer E6, isopropanol precipitation was car-

ried out. The DNA pellet was dissolved in 250 μ l TE buffer at RT for 20 minutes. Plasmid DNA was stored at -20°C . Dissolving was repeated twice.

3.5.6 DNA restriction digest

DNA restriction digests were carried out using conditions proposed by the restriction endonucleases' manufacturers. If restriction digest was carried out with two restriction endonucleases simultaneously, buffers were chosen in which both enzymes had at least 75-100 % activity. A general restriction digest contained 1 μ g DNA, 2 μ l of the respective restriction buffer, 0.2 μ l BSA and 1 U/ μ g restriction endonuclease. Aqua ad iniectabilia was added to a final volume of 20 μ l.

3.5.7 Ethanol precipitation of DNA

For precipitation of PCR fragments or plasmid DNA 2.5 volume of 100 % ethanol and 0.1 volume of 3 M sodium acetate, pH 5.2, were added to the sample. After incubation at -20°C for 30 minutes or overnight, the sample was centrifuged at 14 000 rpm for 30 minutes. The supernatant was discarded carefully and the DNA pellet was washed with 500 μ l 70 % ethanol. The sample was centrifuged at 14 000 rpm for 40 minutes. The supernatant was discarded completely. After drying at RT the DNA pellet was dissolved in 10–20 μ l TE buffer. All centrifugation steps were performed with a 5417R centrifuge (Eppendorf).

3.5.8 Ligation

T4 DNA ligase catalyses the formation of a phosphodiester bond between the 5'-phosphate and the 3'-hydroxyl groups of adjacent nucleotides in double-stranded DNA. Ligation of plasmid DNA and insert was performed at 15°C overnight. The amount of insert applied was five times higher than the amount of vector. As a standard condition 25 ng vector DNA was used. The amount of insert was calculated as shown in Equation 3.1. The ligation mixture was composed of 1 μ l T4 ligase, 2 μ l 10 \times buffer, 25 ng Plasmid DNA, an appropriate amount of PCR fragment and ddH₂O in a final volume of 20 μ l.

$$\text{concentration}_{\text{insert}}[\text{ng}] = 125[\text{ng}] \cdot \frac{\text{length}_{\text{insert}}[\text{bp}]}{\text{length}_{\text{vector}}[\text{bp}]} \quad (3.1)$$

3.5.9 Agarose gel electrophoresis

Depending on DNA fragment size, 0.7–2 % (w/v) agarose gels were prepared. Agarose was boiled in TAE buffer in a microwave. After a short cooling down period, ethidium bromide was added (1 μ l per mg agarose), and the still liquid gel-solution was poured into an electrophoresis gel tray. An appropriate comb was used to produce gel pockets. After polymerisation, the comb was removed and the samples were pipetted into the gel pockets. Agarose gel electrophoresis was carried out at 150 mV in an electrophoresis chamber containing TAE buffer. Gels were documented using the E.A.S.Y Win32[®] (Herolab) system.

3.5.10 Polymerase chain reaction – PCR

PCR fragments that were used for cloning or *in vitro* transcription were amplified using *Pfu* polymerase. Different PCR reaction mixtures (Table 3.3) were used depending on template quality and subsequent procedures. Elongation time depended on the size of the amplicon and the polymerase used: *Taq* polymerase amplifies 1 kb in 30 seconds, *Pfu* polymerase amplifies 1 kb per minute. DNA was denatured at 96 °C. The elongation step of PCR was performed at 72 °C, with the exception of FailSafe™ reactions, which required an elongation temperature of 68 °C. In general, touch-down PCR with a stepwise reduction of annealing temperature (0.5 °C per cycle), was applied first for most PCR reactions.

Table 3.3: PCR mixtures and cycling conditions

<i>PfuUltra</i> Polymerase Mix		FailSafe™	
Aqua ad iniectabilia	40.6 µl	DNA template	1 µl
10 × <i>PfuUltra</i> HF reaction buffer	5 µl	Forward primer	3 µl
dNTPs (25 mM each dNTP)	0.4 µl	Reverse primer	3 µl
DNA template	1 µl	FailSafe™	10 µl
Forward primer	1 µl	Taq Polymerase	0.3 µl
Reverse primer	1 µl	Aqua ad iniectabilia	3 µl
<i>PfuUltra</i> HF (2.5 U/µl)	1 µl		
Bio-X-Act™ Long Mix		Mager Mix	
DNA template	1 µl	DNA template	1 µl
Forward primer	1 µl	Forward primer	1 µl
Reverse primer	1 µl	Reverse primer	1 µl
Bio-X-Act™ Long Mix	12.5 µl	Mager Mix	45 µl
Aqua ad iniectabilia	9.5 µl		

Primers were used at a concentration of 10 µM and template DNA was used at concentrations of 15–30 ng/µl, respectively. PCRs which failed to produce amplicons with Mager Mix conditions were conducted either with Bio-X-Act™ Long Mix or FailSafe™.

3.5.11 PCR reaction for Sanger sequencing

PCR fragments and plasmids were sequenced according to Sanger's Dideoxy DNA sequencing method, where a different fluorescent dye is attached to each of the four ddNTPs. If necessary, PCR fragments were purified using the QIAquick Gel Extraction Kit and plasmid DNA was prepared using a plasmid preparation kit before the sequencing reaction. The sequencing reaction was set up with primers used for PCR amplification or primers binding within the PCR amplicon. In the case of homopolymeric adenine or thymine regions (e. g. STXBP3 exon 18), anchored primers were used to avoid polymerase slippage. Betaine was used in the event of problematic sequencing reactions, e. g. with GC-rich templates. In that case, PCR product, betaine and water were incubated at 96 °C for two minutes before the addition of primer, BigDye® and BigDye® Terminator. Different protocols were used for sequencing PCR products or plasmid DNA (Table 3.4).

Table 3.4: PCR composition and cycling parameters for Sanger Sequencing

PCR product				
DNA	2 ng/100 bp	96 °C	1 min	
BigDye	2 µl	96 °C	30 sec	
BigDye Terminator	2 µl	50 °C	15 sec	25 cycles
Primer 10 µM	1 µl	60 °C	4 min	
Aqua ad iniectabilia	add to 10 µl	4 °C	∞	
Plasmid				
DNA	80 ng	96 °C	1 min	
BigDye	2 µl	96 °C	10 sec	
BigDye Terminator	2 µl	50 °C	5 sec	25 cycles
Primer 10 µM	2 µl	60 °C	4 min	
Aqua ad iniectabilia	add to 10 µl	4 °C	∞	

Precipitation of labeling reaction

Prior to electrophoresis and base calling, which was conducted by the in-house service facility, precipitation of the labeling reaction-product was performed. After addition of 1 µl 2 % SDS, samples were incubated at 98 °C for ten minutes. Subsequently, 25 µl 100 % ethanol was added and the reaction was mixed thoroughly by inverting. Samples were centrifuged at 4 °C and 4000 rpm for 60 minutes. The supernatant was discarded carefully and 150 µl 70 % ethanol was added for washing the DNA pellet. Samples were centrifuged at 4 °C and 4000 rpm for 30 minutes. The washing step was repeated once. The pellet was dried by adjusting the plate upside-down on a paper towel and centrifuging shortly up to 4000 rpm. All centrifugation steps were performed with Centrifuge 5810R (Eppendorf). Electrophoresis and base calling was carried out with ABI 3130xl 16-capillary and 3730xl 96-capillary DNA analyzer. Sequencing results were analysed with the CodonCode Aligner software (CodonCode Corporation).

3.5.12 RNA extraction from cell lines

To inhibit RNase activity, 10 ml TRIzol[®] reagent was added to a 50 ml cell pellet (5×10^7 cells). After incubation at RT for 30 minutes, the tube was shaken until a homogeneous solution was obtained. The suspension was transferred to a 30 ml RNase free tube. After addition of 2 ml chloroform the suspension was mixed vigorously for 15 seconds, was then kept at RT for three minutes and was subsequently centrifuged². The supernatant was transferred to a fresh 30 ml RNase free tube and mixed with 5 ml isopropanol. After incubation at RT for five minutes, the sample was centrifuged again. The supernatant was discarded and 10 ml of 70 % ethanol was

²All centrifugation steps used in this protocol were performed at 5000 rpm, using rotor SS34 in a Sorvall RC-5 centrifuge or 5B Refrigerated Superspeed centrifuge (Dupont Instruments-Sorvall) at 4 °C for 20 minutes, unless otherwise indicated.

added to the pellet and mixed by gentle shaking. Again, the sample was centrifuged for ten minutes and the supernatant discarded. The pellet was dried and RNA was dissolved in 600 µl DEPC-H₂O. The sample was kept on ice for ten minutes and was subsequently incubated at 65 °C for five minutes. RNA concentration was determined spectrophotometrically and the quality was checked on an agarose gel. RNA was stored at –20 °C.

3.5.13 Synthesis of cDNA

For cDNA synthesis either commercially available total RNA or total RNA from freshly prepared cell line extracts was used. The reaction mixture was prepared (total RNA 1 µg, random primers 2 µl, 10 mM dNTPs 1 µl, and aqua ad iniectabilia in a final volume of 21 µl) and incubated at 65 °C for five minutes. After incubation on ice for two minutes, 5 × first strand buffer (6 µl), 0.1 M DTT (1 µl), RNasin (1 µl), and SuperScript® III (1 µl) were added and after gentle mixing the sample was incubated at 20 °C for five minutes, then at 50 °C for 60 minutes and finally at 70 °C for 15 minutes.

3.5.14 Reverse transcription polymerase chain reaction – RT-PCR

To verify the success of cDNA synthesis, exon-spanning primers binding in *HUWE1* exons 67 and 68 (hg19; subsection 3.2.12) were used, resulting in an 569 bp amplicon. For amplification of the full *SARS* transcript, primers cDNA-SARS-1 and cDNA-SARS-4 (see subsection 3.2.12) were used, giving rise to a 1786 bp amplicon. *ZNF697* cDNA was amplified using primers cDNA-ZNF697-1 and cDNA-ZNF697-2 (see section 3.2.12) resulting in a 1645 bp amplicon. The RT-PCR conditions listed in table 3.5 were used, with primer concentrations of 10 µM and cDNA concentration of 30 ng/µl, respectively.

3.5.15 Site-directed mutagenesis

Site-specific mutagenesis of *SARS* and *ZNF697* was performed with the QuickChange™ II XL Site-Directed Mutagenesis Kit according to the manufacturer's instructions. Mutagenic primers were designed using the QuikChange Primer Design Program (<http://www.stratagene.com/qcprimerdesign>). Plasmids isolated via the QIAfilter™ Plasmid Maxi Kit were used as templates for site-directed mutagenesis reactions.

3.5.16 Cloning of pmCherry-C1, pEYFP-N1 and pGEX6P3 constructs

Cloning of *SARS* cDNA

A full-length *SARS* cDNA clone (IRAUp969Ho860D) was purchased from ImaGenes GmbH. The cDNA was isolated from a neuroblastoma cell line and contained a change from cytosine to thymine at c.1530, resulting in a missense mutation from arginine to cysteine at position 435 in the *SARS* protein. To correct this c.1530C > T point mutation, two *SARS* cDNA segments were amplified using primers containing the wild-type nucleotide cytosine as well as restriction sites for *NdeI* and *BamHI* or *NdeI* and *XhoI* (Figure 3.3). Both PCR products were restricted with

Table 3.5: RT-PCR conditions for the use of SARS, ZNF697 and HUWE1 primers

		96 °C	3 min	
SARS				
cDNA	1 µl	94 °C	30 sec	
cDNA-SARS-1	1 µl	58 °C	30 sec	32 cycles
cDNA-SARS-4	1 µl	72 °C	45 sec	
Bio-X-Act™ Long Mix	12.5 µl	72 °C	10 min	
Aqua ad iniectionabilia	9.5 µl	15 °C	∞	
ZNF697				
cDNA	1 µl	94 °C	15 sec	
cDNA-ZNF697-1	3 µl	55 °C	45 sec	30 cycles
cDNA-ZNF697-2	3 µl	68 °C	4 min	
FailSafe™	10 µl	68 °C	10 min	
Taq DNA Polymerase	0.4 µl	15 °C	∞	
Aqua ad iniectionabilia	3 µl			
HUWE1				
cDNA	1 µl	94 °C	3 min	
Bio-X-Act™ Long Mix	12.5 µl	94 °C	30 sec	
HUWE1_ex_67	1 µl	55 °C	45 sec	35 cycles
HUWE1_ex_68	1 µl	72 °C	45 sec	
Aqua ad iniectionabilia	9 µl	15 °C	∞	

NdeI and ligated to obtain full-length SARS cDNA. The ligation product was amplified by PCR using primers SARS_TS1_F and SARS_TS2_R (Table 3.6). Subsequently, wild-type SARS cDNA was cloned into pmCherry-C1 using *Bam*HI and *Xho*I restriction sites.

To obtain SARS c.514G > A (p.D172) and c.1285A > G (p.T429A), site-directed mutagenesis was performed as described using sense and antisense primers carrying the respective nucleotide changes. The pmCherry-C1-SARS constructs were used as templates in PCRs for cloning SARS wild-type and mutant cDNA into pEYFP-N1 and pGEX6P3 (Figures 3.5 and 3.4). The primers containing the appropriate restriction sites are listed in Table 3.6.

Table 3.6: SARS cloning primers

Removal of SARS c.1530C > T mismatch		
Primer	Sequence	Length
SARS_TS1_F	TGTCGCTCGAGCGATGGTGC	1298 bp
SARS_TS1_R	TAGCATTGAGCATATGGACAAACTCCACCT	
SARS_TS2_F	TGTCCATATGCTCAATGCTACCATGTGCGCCACTACCCGTACC	291 bp
SARS_TS2_R	GTGCCGGATCCTCAAGCATCGGTGACCTCCA	

Side directed mutagenesis of SARS cDNA		
Primer	Sequence	Length
Sense D172N	AGAAGTACTCTCATGTGAACCTGGTGGTGATGGTA	-
Antisense D172N	TACCATCACCACCAGGTTACATGAGAGTACTTCT	-
Sense T429A	GTCCATATGCTCAATGCTGCCATGTGCGCCACTA	-
Antisense T429A	TAGTGGCGCACATGGCAGCATTGAGCATATGGAC	-

Cloning of SARS cDNA into pEYFP-N1		
Primer	Sequence	Length
SARS-XhoI-N	CATCGCTCGAGAAGAAGATGGTGCTGGATCTGG	1572 bp
SARS-BamHI-N	CGTGGGATCCTCAGCATCGGTGACC	

Cloning of SARS cDNA into pGEX6P3		
Primer	Sequence	Length
pGEX-6P-3-F	TATATGGATCCATGGTGCTGGATCTG	1567 bp
pGEX-6P-3-R	CTATACTCGAGTCAAGCATCGGTGAC	

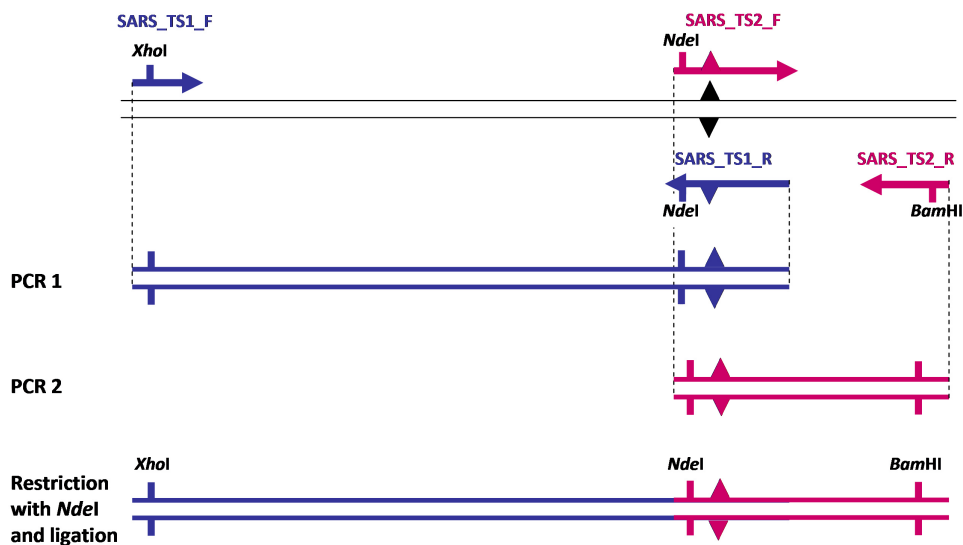


FIGURE 3.3: PCR-strategy for removing SARS c.1530C>T point mutation from cDNA clone template. Primers are depicted as arrows, respective restriction sites are depicted as short vertical lines, the position of the base substitution of the wild-type allele cytosine with thymine (c.1530C>T) is depicted as triangle.

Cloning of ZNF697 cDNA

Full-length cDNA of ZNF697 was cloned from human adult brain mRNA (BioChain) via RT-PCR. The primers used for amplification are listed in table 3.7. The cDNA was inserted via BamHI and HindIII restriction sites into pmCherry-C1, and the resulting construct was used as template in site-directed mutagenesis introducing c.472C>A (p.P158T) using the appropriate

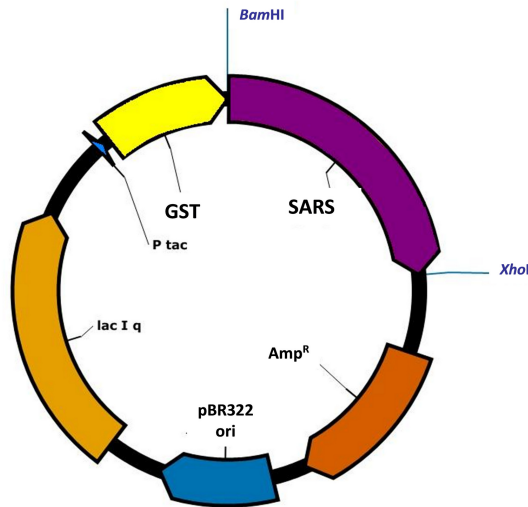


FIGURE 3.4: SARS-pGEX6P3 construct. P_{tac} : tac promoter, GST: glutathione S transferase, Amp^R : ampicillin resistance gene, pBR322 ori: origin of replication, *lacIq*: *lacIq* repressor gene; the restriction sites for *Bam*HI and *Xho*I are indicated.

sense and antisense primers (Table 3.7). Subsequently, the pmCherry-C1-*ZNF697* constructs were used as templates in PCRs for cloning *ZNF697* cDNA into pEYFP-N1 (Figure 3.5).

Table 3.7: *ZNF697* cloning primers

Side directed mutagenesis of <i>ZNF697</i> cDNA		
Primer	Sequence	Length
Sense P158T	CGAGGTGACAAGACCGCCACCGCC	-
Antisense P158T	GGCGGTGGGCGGTCTTGTCACCTCG	
Cloning of <i>ZNF697</i> cDNA into pmCherry-C1 (C) and pEYFP-N1 (N)		
Primer	Sequence	Length
ZNF697-HindIII-C	CATCGAAGCTTCCTGGATGAAACAAGAAG	1668 bp
ZNF697-BamHI-C	GCATAGGCGGATCCCTAACACAGGTGC	
ZNF697-HindIII-N	CATCGAAGCTTACCTGGATGAAACAAGAAGATAATC	1665 bp
ZNF697-BamHI-N	CGTGCGGATCCGTACACAGGTGC	

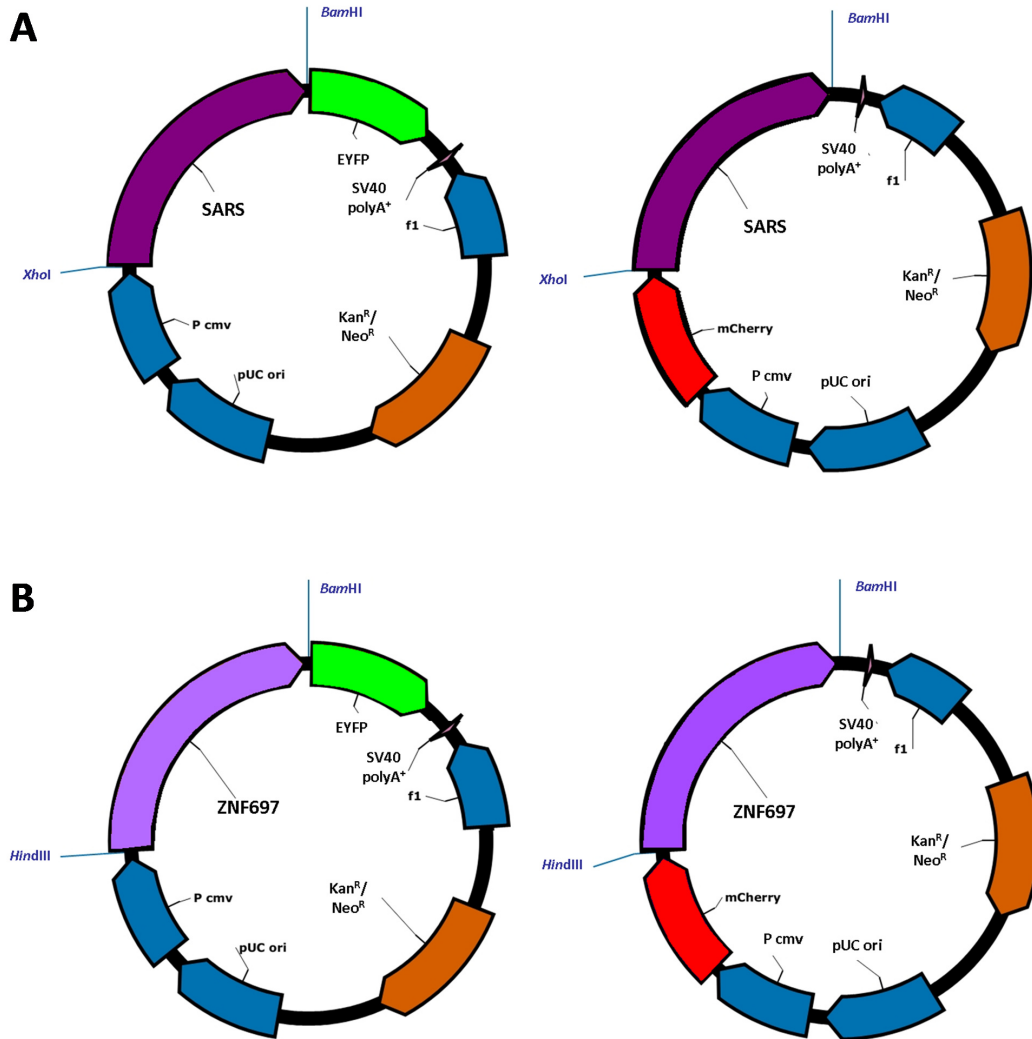


FIGURE 3.5: A) SARS- and B) ZNF697-constructs used for ectopic gene expression in mammalian cell lines. cDNAs were cloned into pEYFP-N1 and pmCherry-C1 expression vectors. P_{cmv}: human cytomegalovirus immediate early promoter, SV40 poly A⁺: SV40 early poly A⁺ signals, fi: f1 origin of replication, Kan^R/Neo^R: kanamycin/neomycin resistance gene, ori: origin of replication; the restriction sites for BamHI, HindIII and XhoI are indicated.

3.6 Protein biochemical methods

3.6.1 Expression and purification of GST-fusion proteins

The pGEX6P3 vector was used for high-level inducible intracellular expression of SARS wild-type and mutant proteins in *E. coli* BL21. A single colony containing a recombinant pGEX6P3 plasmid was inoculated into 100 ml 2× TYA medium containing 50 µg/ml ampicillin and incubated overnight at 37 °C with vigorous shaking. The following day, the overnight culture was diluted into 1 l of 2× TYA containing 50 µg/ml ampicillin and grown to an OD₆₀₀ of 0.68 with vigorous agitation at 37 °C. Expression of GST-fusion protein was induced by addition of 1 mM IPTG. After incubation at 37 °C with vigorous agitation for four hours, liquid cultures were centrifuged at 4 °C at 7000-10 000 rpm for 30 minutes³. Pellets were stored at –80 °C.

Batch purification with Glutathione Sepharose 4B

Pellets were thawed slowly on ice, dissolved in ice-cold 1 × PBS containing an appropriate amount of complete protease inhibitor tablets and aliquots of 5 ml were then transferred into 15 ml tubes. Sonication was performed using an ultrasonic cell disruptor (Bandelin) at maximum power for ten seconds and two cycles. Afterwards sonicates were centrifuged to remove insoluble material (500 × g, 4 °C, 20 minutes).

Glutathione Sepharose 4B was prepared according to the manufacturer's instructions. 2 ml of 50 % Glutathione Sepharose 4B slurry was added to each 100 ml of lysate sample. The mixture was incubated at 4 °C on an overhead shaker overnight. The next day, the matrix was sedimented by centrifugation at 4 °C at 500 × g for ten minutes. The supernatant was decanted and stored at –80 °C for further analysis. The matrix was washed by addition of 5 ml binding buffer to each 1 ml of 50 % Glutathione Sepharose 4B slurry, incubated at 4 °C on an overhead shaker for five minutes and centrifuged at 4 °C at 500 × g for five minutes. The washing step was repeated three times. GST-fusion protein was eluted by addition of 0.5 ml elution buffer per 1 ml of Glutathione Sepharose 4B, incubation at RT on an overhead shaker for five minutes and sedimentation of the matrix via centrifugation at 4 °C at 500 × g for ten minutes. The protein-containing supernatant was removed carefully and kept on ice. Elution was repeated for five to six times and protein concentration was determined spectrophotometrically, and/or by Coomassie staining or by silver staining.

3.6.2 Buffer exchange

Buffer exchange was performed with PD-10 Desalting Columns (GE Healthcare). The protocol by gravity flow was applied according to the manufacturer's instructions.

³Rotors GSA or GS3, Sorvall RC-5 or 5B Refrigerated Superspeed Centrifuge (Dupont Instruments-Sorvall) were used.

3.6.3 SDS cell lysis

SDS cell lysis was carried out in small-scale experiments analysing the overexpression of GST-fusion proteins. Collection of cells from 5 ml cell suspension was performed via centrifugation at 13 000 rpm for one minute. The supernatant was discarded and pellets were resuspended in SDS lysis buffer (30 µl per 1 OD₆₀₀, e. g. if OD₆₀₀ = 10, 300 µl was used). After incubation at 60 °C for five minutes, samples were incubated at 95 °C for five minutes. Subsequently, probes were centrifuged at RT and 13 000 rpm for 30 minutes (Centrifuge 5417R, Eppendorf). The supernatant was transferred to a new 1.5 ml Eppendorf tube. For SDS-PAGE samples were mixed with the appropriate amount of Magic Mix (see subsection 3.2.5) and incubated at 95 °C for five minutes prior to gel loading.

3.6.4 SDS-polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis (SDS-PAGE)

SDS-PAGE was carried out using Mini-PROTEAN™ 3 Electrophoresis System (Bio-Rad). SDS-gels were prepared according to table 3.8. Running gel mixture was prepared and covered with a layer of isopropanol to make the surface even. After polymerisation, isopropanol was removed and after washing with ddH₂O the stacking gel mixture was applied and the comb placed. After polymerisation the comb was removed and samples were applied. Prior to SDS-PAGE, samples were mixed with an appropriate amount of Magic Mix (see subsection 3.2.5) and incubated at 95 °C for five minutes. Electrophoresis was carried out first at 100 V until the samples had passed through the stacking gel, then 180 V were applied until the designated electrophoretic separation was attained. After SDS-PAGE, gels were either stained with Imperial™ Protein Stain (see subsection 3.6.5), silver (see subsection 3.6.6) or used for Western Blotting (see subsection 3.6.7).

Table 3.8: Composition of stacking and running gel for SDS-PAGE

Stacking Gel		Running Gel	
ddH ₂ O	4.0 ml	ddH ₂ O	1.4 ml
30 % acrylamide mix	3.3 ml	30 % acrylamide mix	0.33 ml
1.5 M Tris-HCl, pH 8.8	2.5 ml	1.0 M Tris-HCl, pH 6.8	0.25 ml
10% SDS	0.1 ml	10% SDS	0.02 ml
10% ammonium persulfate	0.1 ml	10% ammonium persulfate	0.02 ml
TEMED	0.004 ml	TEMED	0.002 ml

3.6.5 Protein staining in SDS-polyacrylamide gels

For protein staining in SDS-polyacrylamide gels the Coomassie R-250 dye-based reagent Imperial™ Protein Stain (see subsection 3.6.5) was used according to the manufacturer's instructions. After the final washing step, gel was documented using the E.A.S.Y Win32® (Herolab) system. For determining the protein concentration in gel bands, the SDS-polyacrylamide gels were scanned and then analyzed using the ImageQuant software (Molecular Dynamics).

3.6.6 Silver staining of polyacrylamide gels

The ProteoSilver™ Plus Silver Stain Kit (Sigma) was used for detection of very low protein concentrations. In short, after electrophoresis the polyacrylamide gel was immersed in Fixing solution overnight. Afterwards, the gel was washed with 100 ml of 30 % ethanol for 10 minutes. Then, the gel was washed with 200 ml of ultrapure water for 10 minutes. Sensitization was carried out for 10 minutes using 100 ml of Sensitizer solution. After another wash with 200 ml of ultrapure water, Silver solution (100 ml) was applied and the gel was incubated for 10 minutes. A short washing step was conducted with 200 ml of ultrapure water for 60 seconds, then the gel was developed for 7–10 minutes in Developer solution. After application of ProteoSilver Stop solution the gel was incubated for five minutes, before washing with 200 ml of ultrapure water. For determining the protein concentration in gel bands, gels were scanned and analyzed using the ImageQuant software (Molecular Dynamics).

3.6.7 Semi-dry Western Blot

Before assembly of the blot apparatus, Whatman 3MM chromatography paper was pre-soaked with 1 × blotting buffer and PVDF Western Blotting Membrane was first dampened with methanol, then also pre-soaked with 1 × blotting buffer. The transfer stack was built from cathode to anode as follows: six layers Whatman 3MM chromatography paper, SDS-gel, PVDF Western Blotting Membrane, six layers Whatman 3MM chromatography paper. Proteins were transferred for 40–90 minutes, with 20 V.

3.6.8 Immunodetection of proteins

Following Western Blot, PVDF membranes were incubated in blocking buffer (5 % milk or 3 % BSA) at RT on a roll mixer for 30–60 minutes to block unspecific binding sites. Primary antibodies were diluted adequately in blocking buffer and primary antibody incubation was performed at 4 °C on a roll mixer overnight. The next day, membranes were washed at RT in 1 × PBST three times for five minutes. Next, membranes were incubated with secondary antibodies diluted adequately in 1 × PBST. Incubation was performed at RT on a roll mixer for one hour. Subsequently, membranes were washed in 1 × PBST three times at RT for five minutes. To detect immunolabeled proteins, Western Lightning®-ECL, Enhanced Chemiluminescence Substrate was used. Oxidizing Reagent and Enhanced Luminol Reagent were mixed at a ratio of 1:3 and transferred onto the PVDF membranes. Membranes were placed between colour laser transparency film and air pockets were smoothed out. FUJI Medical X-Ray Films were exposed to the membrane and developed using a CURIX 60™ table-top processor.

3.6.9 Cell fractionation analysis

EYFP-SARS wild-type and mutant expression vectors were transfected into HEK293-T cells. After 24 hours cells were harvested by centrifugation at 1000 rpm for five minutes using a Rotanta

46K centrifuge (Hettich) and washed once in $1 \times$ PBS. The pellet was resuspended in 400 μ l Cell Fractionation Lysis Buffer and incubated at RT for 10 minutes, then centrifuged at 3000 rpm for 10 minutes (Centrifuge 5417R, Eppendorf). The supernatant, which contained the cytosolic fraction, was removed and the pellet was washed twice with Cell Fractionation Lysis Buffer. The pellet, which contained the membrane and nuclear fraction, was resuspended in 150 μ l Magic Mix (see subsection 3.2.5).

3.7 Mammalian cell culture

3.7.1 Passage of cells

Used medium was aspirated and cells were rinsed by addition of 5 ml $1 \times$ PBS and gentle swinging of the cell culture flask. $1 \times$ PBS was then aspirated and 5 ml Trypsin/EDTA solution (Lonza) was added. After incubation at 37 °C for three minutes, cells were detached by tapping the flask against a hard surface and success of trypsinization (confluency of cells) was checked via microscope. Then, cells were diluted in an appropriate volume of fresh growth medium.

3.7.2 Transfection of cell-culture cells

The day before transfection, 1.5×10^5 cells were seeded per well in a six-well plate containing sterile cover slips. Cells were incubated at 37 °C in a CO₂ incubator for 24 hours. At the time of transfection, cells were 90–95 % confluent. Mix I (1 μ g DNA, 100 μ l OPTI-MEM) was prepared and incubated at RT for five minutes. Mix I and Mix II (1.5 μ l LipoFECTAMINE™2000 Reagent, 100 μ l OPTI-MEM) were gently mixed and incubated at RT for 20 minutes. Next, medium was aspirated from the wells and 1.5 ml fresh, antibiotic-free medium was added. Subsequently, 500 μ l of the transfection mix was added to the cells. After gentle mixing the cells were incubated in a CO₂ incubator for 24–48 hours.

3.7.3 Fixation of cells

After transfection for 24–48 hours, medium was aspirated from the wells and cells were washed shortly with 1 ml $1 \times$ PBS. Next, 1 ml 4 % PFA solution was added to each well. After incubation at RT for ten minutes PFA solution was aspirated and cells were washed again shortly with $1 \times$ PBS. For mounting, 10 μ l DAPI 1:10 000 in Fluoromount™ were applied onto a glass slide and subsequently coverslips with immobilised cells were transferred onto the glass slide.

For staining of endogenous proteins, cells were first washed with $1 \times$ PBS following fixation. Then, cells were permeabilized either with methanol or Triton® X-100 prior to primary antibody incubation.

Cell permeabilization with methanol

For permeabilization with methanol, cells were covered completely with ice-cold 100 % methanol and then incubated for 10 minutes at -20°C . Afterwards, methanol was aspirated and cells were washed three times with 1 ml $1 \times$ PBS for five minutes, respectively. Subsequently, cells were blocked with 2 % BSA for 60 minutes at RT. Blocking solution was then aspirated and cells were incubated with the primary antibody overnight at 4°C . The next day, cells were washed three times with 1 ml $1 \times$ PBS for five minutes, respectively. Subsequently, cells were incubated in fluorochrome-conjugated secondary antibody for 60 minutes at RT in the dark. After washing three times with 1 ml $1 \times$ PBS for five minutes, coverslips were attached onto glass slides with fluoromount.

Cell permeabilization with Triton[®] X-100

Cells were incubated in 0.2% Triton[®] X-100 in $1 \times$ PBS at RT for ten minutes. Afterwards, the solution was aspirated and cells were washed three times with 1 ml $1 \times$ PBS for five minutes, respectively. Blocking and secondary antibody incubation was performed as described for methanol permeabilization.

3.8 Enzyme activity measurements

3.8.1 Pyrophosphate release assay

Pyrophosphate release of purified recombinant GST-SARS wild-type and mutant (p.D172N and p.T429A) proteins and the GST protein was assayed at 37°C for 90 minutes. Per reaction, 12.5 ng of protein were used in a total volume of 300 μl . Negative controls contained buffer eluted from PD-10 desalting columns instead of protein.

Pyrophosphate release was determined at three different time points (0, 60 and 90 minutes). Reactions were stopped approximately simultaneously by adding twofold reaction volume of BIOMOL GREEN Reagent[™] to each sample. Samples were then incubated at RT for 20 minutes to allow for the development of the green color. Subsequently, 300 μl of this mix per sample were each pipetted into a well of a 96 well EIA/RIA-Plate (Corning) and OD_{620} was measured in a microplate reader (BMG Labtech).

Standards were prepared in pyrophosphate release reaction buffer that had been pre-incubated for 90 minutes at 37°C . After incubation, serial dilutions were prepared to obtain concentrations of 2, 1, 0.5, 0.25, 0.125, 0.63 and 0.31 nmol phosphate, respectively. Standard sample reactions were terminated at the same time as assay sample reactions using twofold reaction volume of BIOMOL GREEN Reagent[™]. Standard samples were prepared in triplicate for each phosphate concentration.

3.8.2 Measurement of SSADH activity

EBV immortalized lymphoblastoid cell lines derived from the blood of the index patient (V-11, family 8600485) as well as from six German age and sex matched controls were established using standard procedures. The method used is based on the method developed by Gibson and colleagues [GIBSON *ET AL.*, 1991], which is in turn based on the fluorometric assay by CASH and co-workers [CASH *ET AL.*, 1977].

Cell extracts were prepared by sonication of cell pellets (4×10^7 cells/ml) in 100 mM Tris-HCl (pH 8.6). Cell extracts were sonicated twice for 2 cycles each of 10 seconds at maximum power with a pause between the bursts and cells were kept on ice during the whole procedure. Subsequently, the cell lysates were applied twice onto QIAshredder homogenizer columns (Qiagen) to reduce viscosity caused by cell debris and high-molecular-weight cellular components. Total protein concentration was measured spectrophotometrically. SSADH activity was assayed for 30 minutes at 37 °C using 100 µl cell lysate, 3 mM succinic semialdehyde (SSA), 0–2 mM NAD⁺ and SSADH-buffer in a final volume of 300 µl. Blank reactions contained water substituted for SSA. The reaction was stopped by heating for five minutes at 100 °C. After cooling down on ice for 10 minutes, probes were centrifuged at 4 °C (20 800 g). The supernatant was removed and centrifuged again using the same conditions as before. Then, 250 µl of each sample were pipetted per well of a 96 Well FIA-Plate (Greiner Bio-One). NADH fluorescence was measured in a microplate reader (BMG Labtech; excitation 355 nm, emission 460 nm). Probes and standard samples were measured in triplicates. NADH standards were prepared as serial dilution (3.125–200 mM NADH) using 1 mM NADH stock solution.

4 Results – Family M289

4.1 Linkage analysis and mutation screening in family M289

Parametric linkage analysis in family M289 revealed a single interval of homozygosity on chromosome 1p13.3–p11.2 near the centromer with the highest probable significant LOD score above four (Figures 4.1)¹. The linkage interval had a size of 12.9 Mb, was flanked by the heterozygous SNPs rs10494061 and rs1938250² and contained 133 RefSeq genes (hg19) (Figures 4.2 and 4.3). In this study, coding regions including intron-exon boundaries of these genes were amplified by PCR and subsequently sequenced by Sanger sequencing.

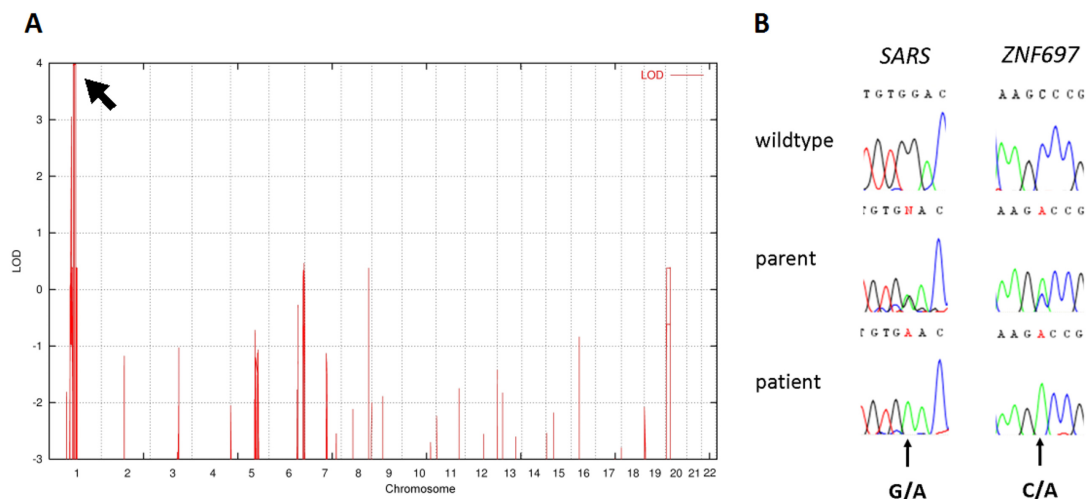


FIGURE 4.1: **A)** Linkage profile resulting from whole genome parametric linkage analysis based on the assumption of second cousin marriage, showing a single linkage interval (arrow) with significant LOD score > 4 on chr.1p13.3–p11.2. **B)** Sequence chromatograms of an affected individual, a parent and a healthy control (wild-type), showing homozygous substitutions c.514G $>$ A in *SARS* and c.472C $>$ A in *ZNF697* in the affected individual.

Two missense mutations co-segregating with the disease were detected in the interval (Figure 4.1 B and Figure 4.3). In *SARS* (seryl-tRNA synthetase; NM_006513) a G $>$ A substitution (c.514G $>$ A, chr1:109773566; hg19) was found in exon five and results in a change from as-

¹Linkage analysis was carried out by Dr. M. Garshasbi. Genotyping (SNP analysis) of all affected family members, their parents and healthy siblings was performed using the Human Mapping 50 K Array, Version 2 (Affymetrix) [KENNEDY *ET AL.*, 2003] based on previously published protocols [MATSUZAKI *ET AL.*, 2004]. Linkage analysis was performed using the Merlin software. Details of data quality controls and linkage analysis have been published elsewhere [GARSHASBI *ET AL.*, 2006].

²rs10494061: chr1:107710128-107710628, hg19; rs1938250: chr1:120694097-120694597, hg19

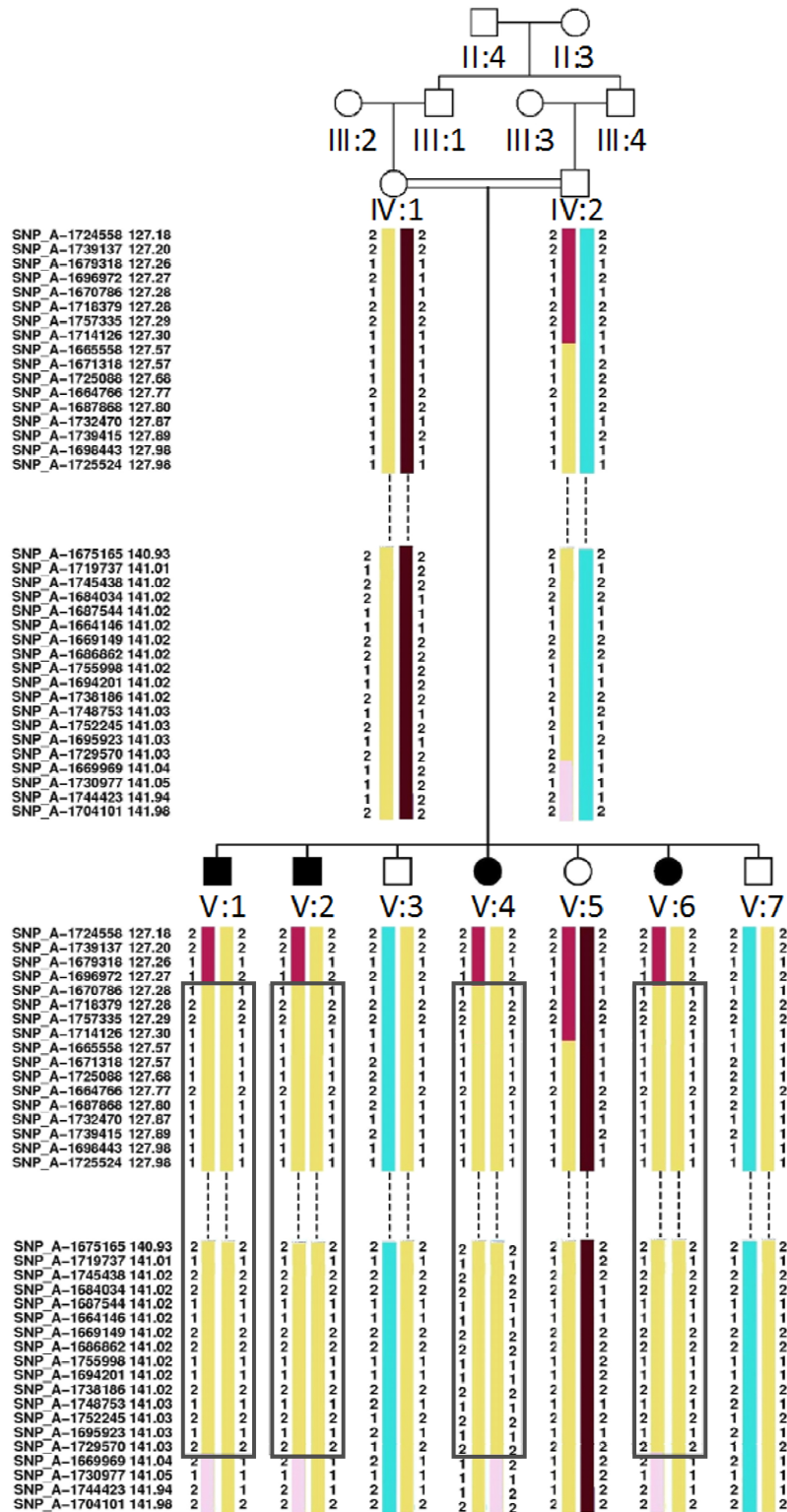


FIGURE 4.2: Haplotyping results for family M289. Grey frame: Homozygous haplotype between SNP markers rs10494061 and rs1938250 on chr.1p13.3–p11.2 in affected individuals.

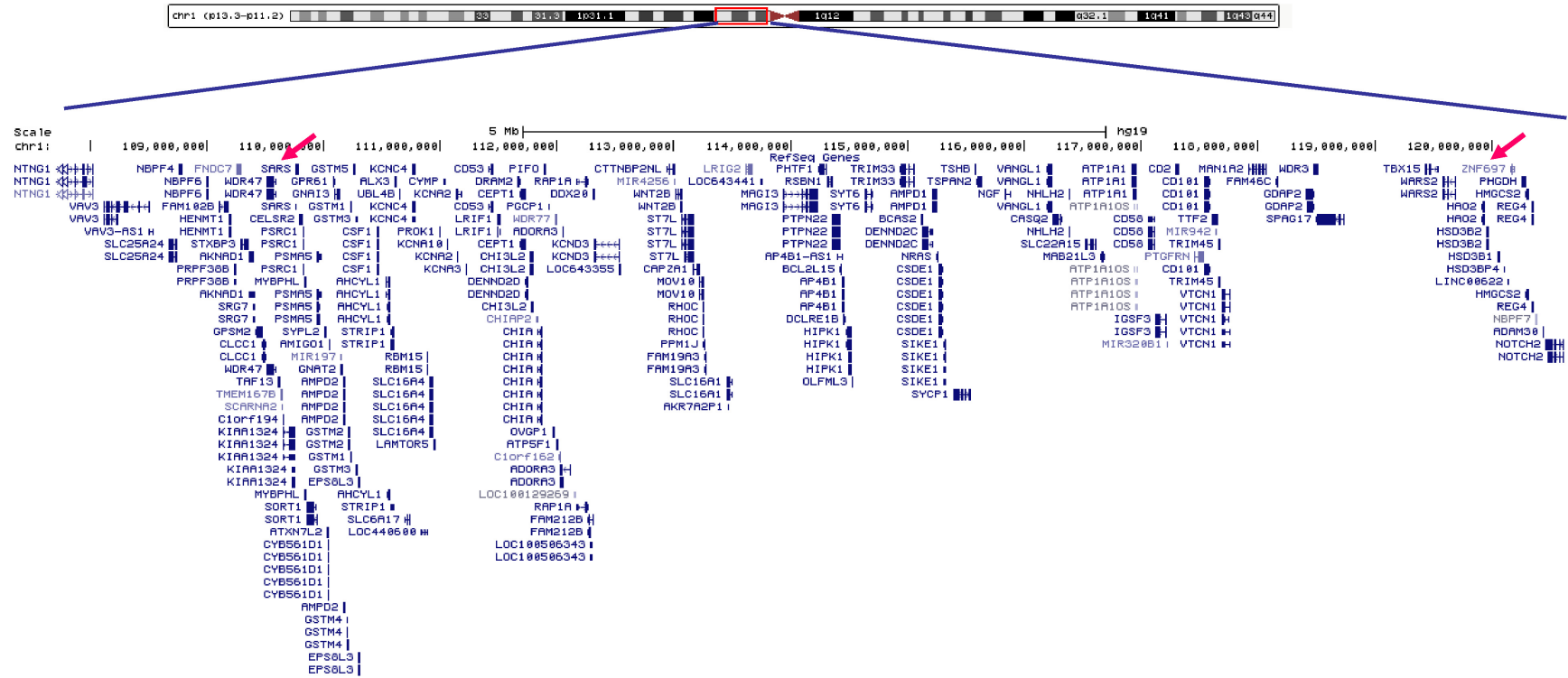


FIGURE 4.3: Genes in the linkage interval of family M289. RefSeq genes between SNPs rs10494061 and rs10494061 as depicted by the UCSC genome browser (hg19) (see section 3.3). Positions of SARS and ZNF697 are marked by red arrows.

paragine³ to aspartic acid at amino acid position 172 (p.D172N; NP_006504). In addition, a C > A point mutation (c.472C > A, chr1: 120166494; hg19) in exon three of *ZNF697* (zinc finger protein 697; NM_001080470) was found that results in a substitution of proline with threonine at amino acid position 158 (p.P158T; NP_001073939).

SARS c.514G > A was neither present in 420 population-matched healthy unrelated control individuals nor in 216 German controls. *ZNF697* c.472C > A was also not seen in the control panel (346 population-matched and 201 German controls).

Moreover, we used the publicly available sequencing data from the Exome Variant Server, 200 Danish individuals [LI *ET AL.*, 2010] and 185 genomes of healthy individuals made available by the 1000 Genome Project⁴ [ABECASIS *ET AL.*, 2010] to further extend the control cohort. Both missense mutations were not listed in these databases. The Exome Variant Server (October 2012) reports only one heterozygous nonsense mutation in *SARS* (c.319T > C [p.R107X]) at a frequency of 1 in 4406 in the African American population. Apart from this case, no other putatively deleterious mutations within the whole coding regions of *SARS* and *ZNF697* were reported.

4.2 Location of mutations in SARS and ZNF697 proteins

SARS encodes the cytosolic seryl-tRNA synthetase, a protein that contains three domains: an N-terminal tRNA binding arm, an aminoacylation domain and a C-terminal UNE-S domain containing the nuclear localization signal (NLS) [XU *ET AL.*, 2012]. The amino acid substitution p.D172N found in family M289 is located in the aminoacylation domain, in close proximity to the active site.

The potential transcription regulator *ZNF697* is a member of the cysteine₂ histidine₂ (C₂H₂) type zinc-finger protein family. *ZNF697* contains 11 C₂H₂ zinc fingers. The first zinc finger domain has a near central position within the protein and lies separate from the other ten zinc finger domains, which are serially arranged close to the C-terminus. The P158T amino acid substitution is located upstream of the first krueppel-type zinc finger in a region without assigned function in both the Pfam and Interpro databases⁵. Schematic views of the gene and protein structures of both *SARS* and *ZNF697*, including the positions of the sequence alterations are depicted in Figure 4.4.

4.3 SARS and ZNF697 are expressed during brain development

Expression of *SARS* and *ZNF697* was determined by RT-PCR in different human tissues including, most importantly, tissues of human brain regions relevant for learning and memory. Primers spanning the coding regions of *SARS* and *ZNF697* (primers see subsection 3.2.12) were used to amplify cDNA of both genes from RNA extracted from HeLa, HEK293-T, U373, SH-

³Three-letter and single-letter amino acid codes are listed in subsection 9.5.

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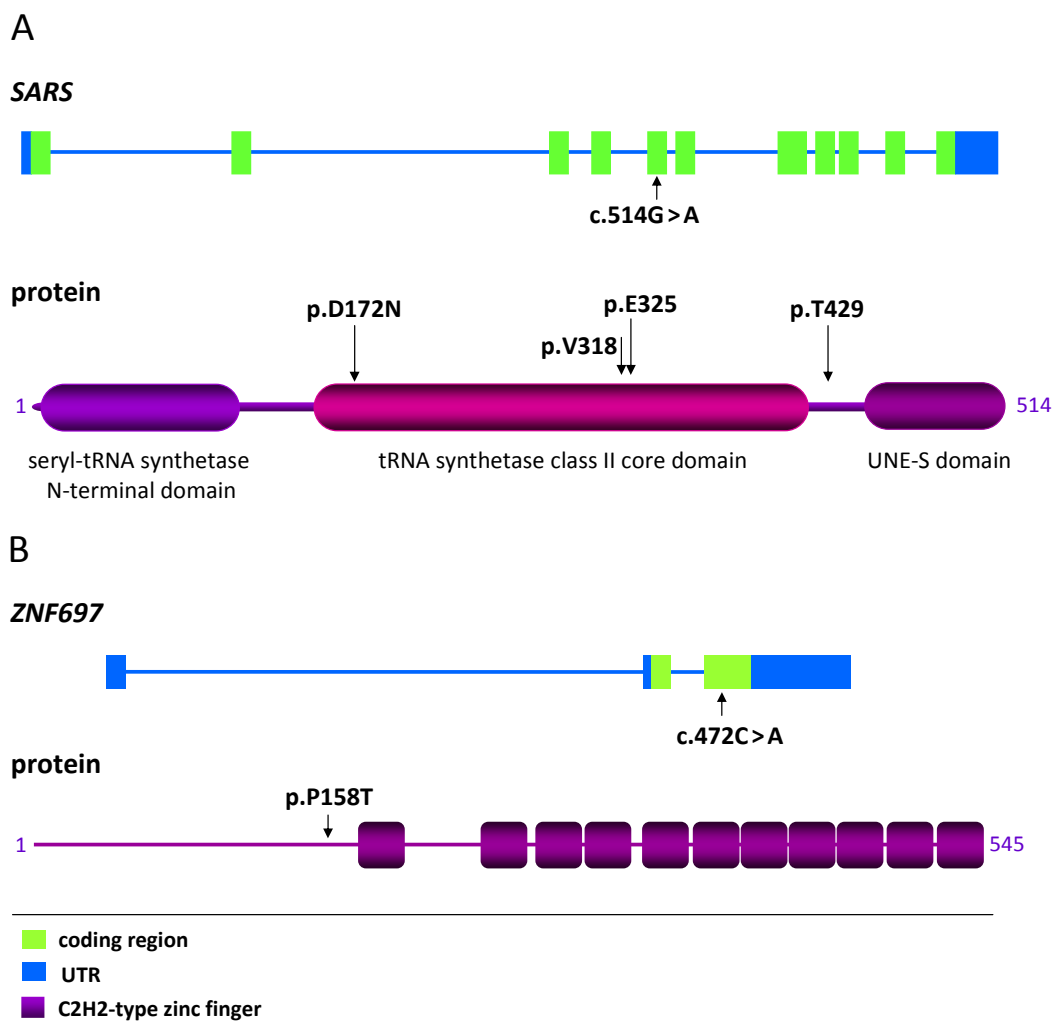


FIGURE 4.4: **A**) Schematic representations of the *SARS* gene and protein. The position of the missense mutation $c.514G > A$ in exon five of *SARS* is indicated. Positions of the amino acid substitution (p.D172N), the ATP binding site (p.V318I) and the serine binding sites (p.E325 and p.T429) are indicated above the domain structure (based on UniProtKB/Swiss-Prot entry P49591; see section 3.3). **B**) Schematic representations of *ZNF697* gene and protein. The position of missense mutation $c.472C > A$ in the third exon of *ZNF697* is indicated by an arrow. The position of the amino acid substitution p.P158T is shown above the schematic representation of the *ZNF697* protein. Positions of C₂H₂-type zinc-fingers are based on UniProtKB/Swiss-Prot entry Q5TEC3.

SY5Y, lymphoblastoid and fibroblast cell lines as well as from template RNA derived from different adult and fetal human brain tissues (see subsections 3.2.7 and 3.2.8) (Figure 4.5). *SARS* and *ZNF697* were found to be well expressed in all brain tissues and all cell lines tested. Therefore, both genes may play a role during brain development and in normal brain functioning. Their expression in a broad range of cell lines renders these suitable model systems for studying the effects of the respective mutations *in vitro*.

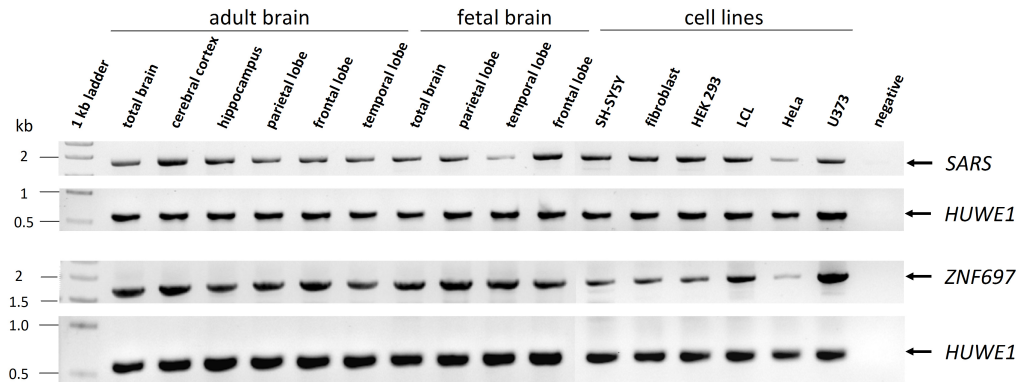


FIGURE 4.5: Expression of *SARS* and *ZNF697* in adult and fetal brain tissues and various human cell lines. Amplification of *HUWE1* was used to control success of cDNA synthesis.

4.4 Preparations for functional studies of *SARS* and *ZNF697*

Unfortunately, it was impossible to obtain any cell material from the affected individuals and healthy family members of family M289. Therefore, I set up several model systems to characterize the molecular functions of *SARS* and *ZNF697* and to determine their connection to the disease phenotype observed in the patients. For this purpose, I cloned the cDNAs of wild-type and mutant *SARS* and *ZNF697* in different expression vectors (see subsection 3.5.16). *SARS* was cloned in pGEX6P3 to obtain GST-*SARS* wild-type and mutant (p.D172N and p.T429A⁶) fusion proteins. The GST-tag allowed purification of the fusion proteins via Glutathione Sepharose chromatography (see section 3.6.1) for subsequent studies of *SARS* enzymatic activity. For immunohistochemistry experiments, the cDNAs of *SARS* and *ZNF697* were cloned into pEYFP-N1 and pmCherry-C1, to tag each protein both N-terminally and C-terminally with a fluorophore (Table 4.1).

4.5 Evolutionary conservation of *SARS* and *ZNF697*

SARS and *ZNF697* were both found to be expressed in fetal and adult brain. In order to evaluate the disease-causing potential of these genes, the degree of overall evolutionary conservation

⁶*SARS* p.T429A is enzymatically inactive, because the amino acid substitution affects a serine binding site. *SARS* p.T429A was used as a negative control during the pyrophosphate release assay and to detect potential differences in subcellular localization of ectopic wild-type and mutant *SARS* proteins in mammalian cell lines.

Table 4.1: SARS and ZNF697 expression vectors used in functional studies

Plasmid	Properties
pEYFP-SARS-WT	pEYFP-N1 derivate containing 1542 bp SARS wild-type cDNA
pEYFP-SARS-D172N	pEYFP-N1 derivate containing 1542 bp SARS c.514G > A cDNA
pEYFP-SARS-T429A	pEYFP-N1 derivate containing 1542 bp SARS c.1285A > G cDNA
pmCherry-SARS-WT	pmCherry-C1 derivate containing 1545 bp SARS wild-type cDNA
pmCherry-SARS-D172N	pmCherry-C1 derivate containing 1545 bp SARS c.514G > A cDNA
pmCherry-SARS-T429A	pmCherry-C1 derivate containing 1545 bp SARS c.1285A > G cDNA
pGEX6P3-SARS-WT	pGEX6P3 derivate containing 1545 bp SARS wild-type cDNA
pGEX6P3-SARS-D172N	pGEX6P3 derivate containing 1545 bp SARS c.514G > A cDNA
pGEX6P3-SARS-T429A	pGEX6P3 derivate containing 1545 bp SARS c.1285A > G cDNA
pEYFP-ZNF697-WT	pEYFP-N1 derivate containing 1635 bp ZNF697 wild-type cDNA
pEYFP-ZNF697-P158T	pEYFP-N1 derivate containing 1635 bp ZNF697 c.472C > A cDNA
pmCherry-ZNF697-WT	pmCherry-C1 derivate containing 1638 bp ZNF697 wild-type cDNA
pmCherry-ZNF697-P158T	pmCherry-C1 derivate containing 1638 bp ZNF697 c.472C > A cDNA

of SARS and ZNF gene and protein sequences were assessed. Pairwise alignment scores were obtained from Homologene⁷ (Table 4.2).

Table 4.2: Pairwise alignment scores of orthologs from other species and human SARS and ZNF697

	SARS	Identity in [%]		ZNF697	Identity in [%]	
	Gene symbol	Protein	DNA	Gene symbol	Protein	DNA
<i>P. troglodytes</i>	SARS	99.8	99.8	ZNF697	99.4	99.6
<i>C. lupus</i>	SARS	96.3	92.1	ZNF697	89.5	91.4
<i>B. taurus</i>	SARS	95.3	91.6	ZNF697	94.9	93.2
<i>M. musculus</i>	Sars	95.9	90.5	Zfp697	89.7	88.6
<i>R. norvegicus</i>	Sars	95.7	90.3	Znf697	89.5	88.0
<i>G. gallus</i>	SARS	85.8	78.4	–	–	–
<i>D. rerio</i>	sars	81.5	72.9	–	–	–
<i>D. melanogaster</i>	CG172559	70.0	66.7	–	–	–
<i>C. elegans</i>	srs-2	69.8	66.6	–	–	–
<i>S. cerevisiae</i>	SES1	52.1	53.0	–	–	–
<i>N. crassa</i>	NCU01443.1	52.2	55.6	–	–	–
<i>A. thaliana</i>	AT5G27470	52.7	57.1	–	–	–
<i>P. falciparum</i>	PF07_0073	49.8	50.9	–	–	–

For both, gene and protein alignment showed very high conservation between humans and chimpanzees. However, the degree of phylogenetic conservation of the SARS protein sequence between humans and rodents is much higher than the findings for ZNF697. Comparison of the protein sequences of SARS and ZNF697 between humans and mice, the latter being the premier mammalian model system for human diseases [SPENCER, 2002], revealed that the proteins are 95.9 % and 89.7 % identical between species, respectively. Furthermore, human SARS is 81.5 %,

⁷(see section 3.3)

70.0 % and 69.8 % identical with cytoplasmic seryl-tRNA synthetases from the model organisms *D. rerio*, *D. melanogaster* and *C. elegans*, respectively. In summary, SARS is present throughout evolution and well conserved in eukaryota. ZNF697, however, is only conserved in eutherian mammals.

Next, the evolutionary conservation of the affected SARS and ZNF697 protein residues was assessed by aligning protein sequences of SARS and ZNF697 orthologs from multiple species. The substituted p.D172 within SARS was conserved in all species except for yeast and bacteria. In contrast, p.P158 of ZNF697 was only conserved between rodents and humans (Figure 4.6).

Species	SARS p.D172N ↓	ZNF697 p.P158T ↓
<i>H. sapiens</i>	YSHV <u>D</u> LVVMV	SRHRGDK <u>P</u> AHRRF
<i>P. troglodytes</i>	YSHV <u>D</u> LVVMV	SRHRGEK <u>P</u> AHRRF
<i>C. lupus</i>	YSHV <u>D</u> LVVMV	SRHRGDK <u>P</u> AHRRF
<i>B. taurus</i>	YSHV <u>D</u> LVVMV	GRHRGDK <u>P</u> AHRRF
<i>M. musculus</i>	YSHV <u>D</u> LVVMV	GRHRGDK <u>P</u> AYRRF
<i>R. norvegicus</i>	YSHV <u>D</u> LVVMV	SRHRSDK <u>A</u> AHRRF
<i>D. rerio</i>	YSHV <u>D</u> LVVMV	–
<i>C. elegans</i>	YSHV <u>D</u> LVVMV	–
<i>A. thaliana</i>	KNHV <u>D</u> LVVELL	–
<i>O. sativa</i>	KNHV <u>D</u> LCKML	–
<i>P. falciparum</i>	YYHY <u>D</u> LLRKI	–
<i>S. pombe</i>	LSHH <u>E</u> VLTRL	–
<i>M. grisea</i>	LSHH <u>E</u> VLTRL	–
<i>S. cerevisiae</i>	LSHH <u>E</u> ILLRL	–
<i>K. lactis</i>	LSHH <u>E</u> ILLRL	–
<i>E. gossypii</i>	LSHH <u>E</u> VLLRL	–
<i>N. crassa</i>	LSHH <u>E</u> VLRKL	–

FIGURE 4.6: Multiple-species protein alignments of the affected amino acid positions within the SARS and ZNF697 proteins. The affected amino acids (bold and underlined) are shown together with flanking SARS or ZNF697 sequences and are marked by an arrow.

In line with this, the phyloP score, which measures the phylogenetic conservation of each nucleotide [SIEPEL *ET AL.*, 2006], was found to be 6.457 (i. e. very high conserved) for the relevant nucleotide (c.514G) of the SARS gene but only 0.395 (i. e. low conserved) for the ZNF697 gene (c.472C), respectively.

4.6 *In silico* prediction of pathogenicity

The SARS and ZNF697 genes are both well expressed in the brain and thus could both be implicated in disturbed intellectual functioning in the patients. To gain information about the individual disease causing potential of SARS p.D172N and ZNF697 p.P158T, I used five different algorithms⁸ to predict the effect of each variant on protein function (Table 4.3).

⁸(see section 3.3)

Table 4.3: Predicted pathogenicity of SARS p.D172N and ZNF697 p.P158T

Programme	SARS p.D172N	ZNF697 p.P158T
PolyPhen2	probably damaging	benign
Mutation Taster	disease causing	polymorphism
PROVEAN	deleterious	neutral
SIFT	affect protein function	tolerated
PANTHER	deleterious	N.D.

N.D. not determined

All five programmes unanimously predicted deleterious consequences for SARS function upon p.D172N substitution. In contrast, neither algorithm predicted a disease-causing potential for ZNF697 p.P158T⁹. These results further underscore that SARS is a plausible ARID candidate gene. Therefore, the subsequent experiments aimed at determining the potentially disease causing effects of p.D172N within SARS.

4.7 Aminoacyl-tRNA synthetases

SARS belongs to the class II family of aminoacyl-tRNA synthetases. Several genes encoding cytoplasmic and mitochondrial class I and class II aminoacyl-tRNA synthetases (ARSs) have important functions in neurons and have already been implicated in peripheral neuropathies and encephalopathies [ANTONELLIS AND GREEN, 2008; KONOVALOVA AND TYNISMMAA, 2013], supporting the role of SARS as ID candidate gene.

ARSs are ancient enzymes and present in all organisms. At the beginning of the evolution of ARSs stands a core enzyme with the ability to activate amino acids. By insertions or fusions this enzyme gained binding sites for early tRNA-like oligonucleotides and thus obtained the ability for aminoacylation. Subsequently, the contemporary tRNA structure evolved and the ARSs acquired additional domains that added stability and enhanced specificity of each enzyme [SCHIMMEL AND RIBAS DE POUPLANA, 2000]. There are two different classes of ARSs (class I and class II) which share neither any structural nor evolutionary relationship. Both classes are believed to have been present in the last common ancestor of archaea, bacteria and eukaryota and each class contains ten enzymes [SCHIMMEL, 2008]. Class I ARSs are mostly monomers and contain the two signature peptides histidine–isoleucine–glycine–histidine (HIGH) and lysine–methionine–serine–lysine–serine (KMSKS), important structures for aminoacylation at the active site. They constitute the so called Rossmann fold that binds ATP and is responsible for the formation of aminoacyl adenylate [SCHIMMEL, 2008]. Both motifs approach the end of the tRNA acceptor helix from the minor groove and catalyse the attachment of the cognate amino acid to the 2'-OH at the end of the tRNA chain [CUSACK, 1997; ARNEZ AND MORAS, 1997; CUSACK, 1999].

⁹ZNF697 is an unlikely ARID candidate gene and might be a so far unreported SNP.

Most class II ARSs, including SARS, act as homodimers. The catalytic core of class II ARSs is composed of a seven-stranded β -structure with flanking α -helices [SCHIMMEL, 2008]. Furthermore, these ARSs contain a set of three distinct motifs¹⁰: motif 1 is important for dimerization and several residues in motif 2 and 3 are involved in the binding of ATP and amino acid recognition [IBBA AND SOELL, 2000]. Class II ARSs approach the tRNA from the major groove and attach the amino acids to the 3' end of the tRNA [WOLF ET AL., 1999].

4.7.1 The aminoacylation of tRNAs

Genetic information encoded by the mRNA is translated into the corresponding amino acid sequence, thus giving rise to protein molecules at the ribosome. The accuracy of this translation process is not only dependent on correct codon-anticodon matching between tRNA and mRNA at the ribosome but furthermore on the precision of the aminoacylation process, i. e. the charging of tRNAs [IBBA AND SOELL, 2000; IBBA ET AL., 1997]. Aminoacylation is performed by the ARSs via a two-step reaction: First, an ARS binds an amino acid and ATP to form an aminoacyl adenylate (AA-AMP). At the same time, pyrophosphate ($P_2O_7^{4-}$, PP_i) is released (Equation 4.1). In the second step, the amino acid is transferred onto the 3' terminal adenosine of the tRNA that is to be charged and subsequently the charged tRNA and the AMP molecule are released from the enzyme (Equation 4.2; Figure 4.7) [SCHIMMEL AND SÖLL, 1979].



As the genetic code is degenerate, ARSs need to identify and charge each of their several tRNA isoacceptors [SCHIMMEL, 1991]. SARS needs to recognize six different tRNA^{Ser} isoacceptors and the selenocysteine-tRNA (tRNA^{Sec}). This is achieved by interaction of the C-terminal coiled-coil domain of SARS with the long extra arm of all tRNA^{Ser} isoacceptors and tRNA^{Sec} [BIOU ET AL., 1994; BOREL ET AL., 1994].

4.8 The amino acid substitution p.D172N destabilizes SARS

Mutations of single amino acid mutations can significantly change the stability of a protein structure. p.D172 was predicted *in silico* to be a stabilization center element by the SCide software¹¹ using PDB structure 3VBB and chain F. To understand whether the stability of SARS protein is influenced by the loss of the negative charge at residue 172, protein stability was assessed by MUpro, I-Mutant ($\Delta\Delta G = -2.06$) and PoPMuSiC ($\Delta\Delta G = 0.62$ kcal/mol). All three programmes¹² predicted a moderate decrease in protein stability upon mutation. Even more im-

¹⁰ motif 1: +G(F/Y)XX(C/L/I)XXPhh, motif 2: +hhXhXXXFRXE and motif 3: hGhGhGhhERhhhh, where X stands for any amino acid, h for a hydrophobic and + for a positively charged residue [CARTER, 1993].

¹¹(see section 3.3)

¹²(see section 3.3)

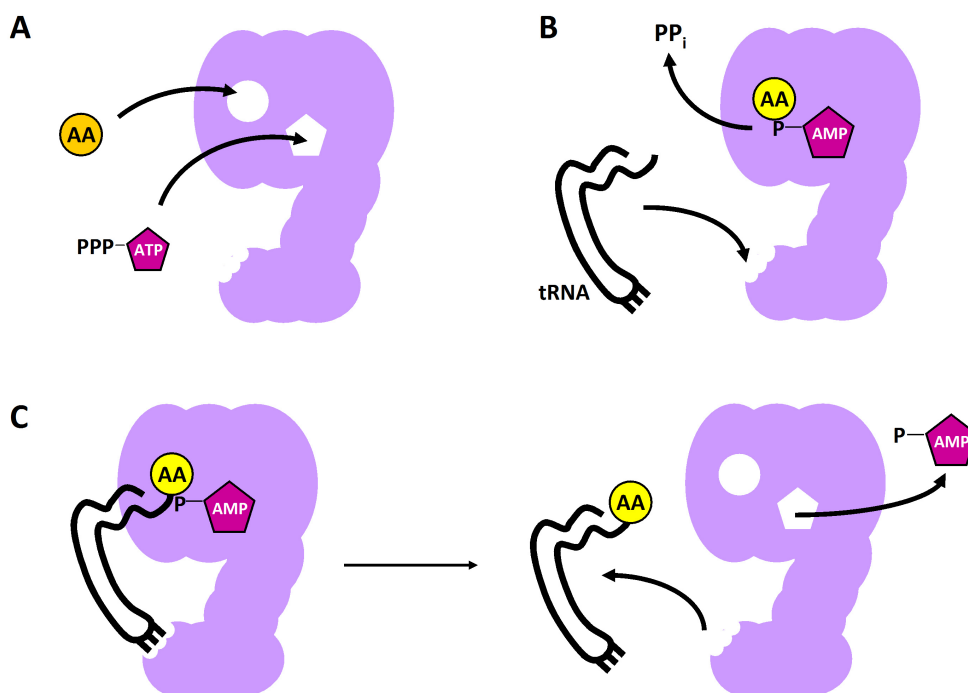


FIGURE 4.7: The process of aminoacylation. **A**) Amino Acid (AA) and ATP bind to the ARS. **B**) The amino acid is activated, aminoacyl-adenylate is formed and pyrophosphate (PP_i) is released. **C**) The tRNA binds and the amino acid is attached to the tRNA. Subsequently, the charged tRNA is released from the enzyme and is transferred to the ribosome. AMP is also released. Illustration according to [ANTONELLIS AND GREEN, 2008].

portant, *in silico* energy calculations with the Concoord/PBSA method [BENEDIX ET AL., 2009] which calculates stability changes upon mutation confirmed a decrease in stability ($\Delta\Delta G = -1.06$). Concoord/PBSA analysis was performed by Dr. H. Stehr.

4.9 Putative influence of p.D172N on the catalytic function and localization of SARS

To gain insights into the structural consequences of the p.D172N mutation, structure-based *in silico* modeling of the p.D172N amino acid substitution was performed by Dr. H. Stehr using crystal-structure 3VBB of human SARS [XU ET AL., 2012]. p.D172 is located in the aminoacylation domain, in close proximity to p.H170 (Figure 4.8). XU ET AL. have shown that residues p.H170 and p.F316 form hydrophobic interactions to stabilize the β_{10} - β_{11} hairpin. This hairpin belongs to the seven-stranded antiparallel β -sheet (β_1 - β_9 - β_{10} - β_{11} - β_{13} - β_8 - β_7) which is the central core of the aminoacylation domain [XU ET AL., 2012].

Aspartic acid and asparagine are geometrically similar and p.D172 faces away from the active site, therefore p.D172N has probably no structure-based influence on the catalytic core domain. However, p.D172 could affect aminoacylation activity in an indirect manner as it provides a

negative charge. This negative charge is lost in SARS p.D172N. The results of the above analysis for wild-type and mutant SARS residues are shown in Figure 4.8.

Furthermore, modeling revealed that the mutation site p.D172 is located directly adjacent to the N-terminus of the UNE-S domain, which contains the NLS. Negative charges within the UNE-S domain affect the stability of the positively charged NLS [XU *ET AL.*, 2012]. Therefore, the substitution of the negatively charged p.D172 to the the positively charged p.N172 could influence the subcellular localization of the SARS protein.

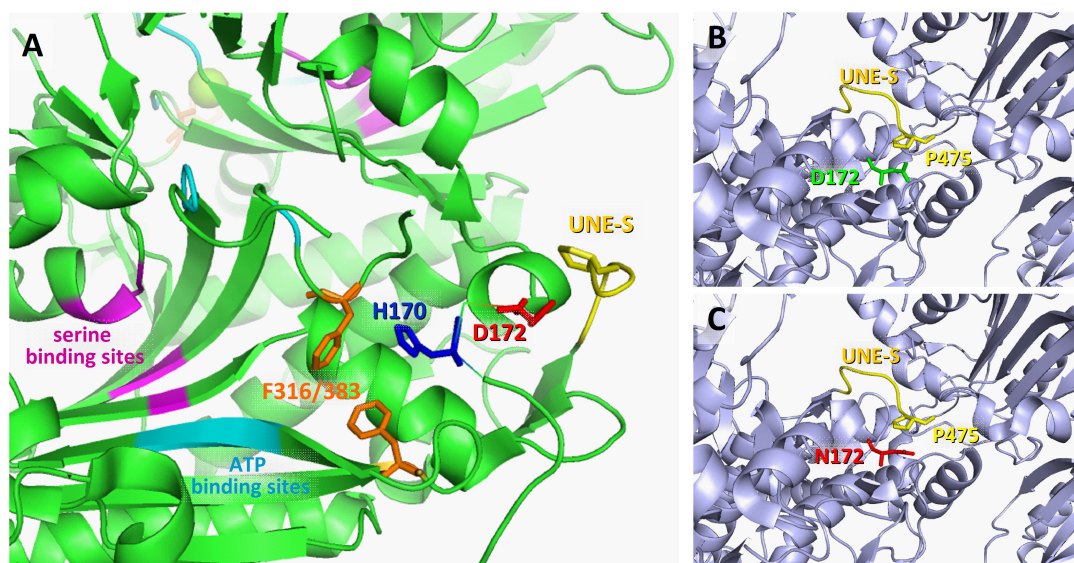


FIGURE 4.8: A) Active site of the SARS wild-type protein. Residues p.H170 (dark blue) and p.F316/383 (orange) stabilize a β -sheet of the aminoacylation domain. p.D172 (red) faces away from the aminoacylation core, but is located directly adjacent to the N-terminus of the UNE-S domain (yellow). Light blue: ATP binding sites; pink: serine binding sites. B) Orientation of wild-type p.D172 (green) and C) orientation of mutant p.N172 (red) protein residues. The nuclear localization signal (NLS) is located seven amino acids downstream of p.P475.

4.10 Subcellular localization of SARS p.D172N

To test the hypothesis that p.D172N might influence the localization pattern of SARS, expression of wild-type and mutant SARS was studied in three different cell lines. SH-SY5Y cells were used to set up a neuronal model system and HeLa and HEK293-T cells were chosen as basic cell biological models. First, subcellular localization of endogenous SARS was analysed using a monoclonal SARS antibody (see subsection 3.2.11).

In all three cell lines endogenous SARS was detected in the cytoplasm (Figures 4.9 and 9.1). Next, expression vector systems using N- as well as C-terminally tagged SARS wild-type and mutant (p.D172N and T429A) constructs were set up (Figures 4.10, 4.11 and 4.12). SARS p.T429A is enzymatically inactive and was used as an additional control for detection of potential differences in subcellular localization of ectopic wild-type and mutant SARS proteins.

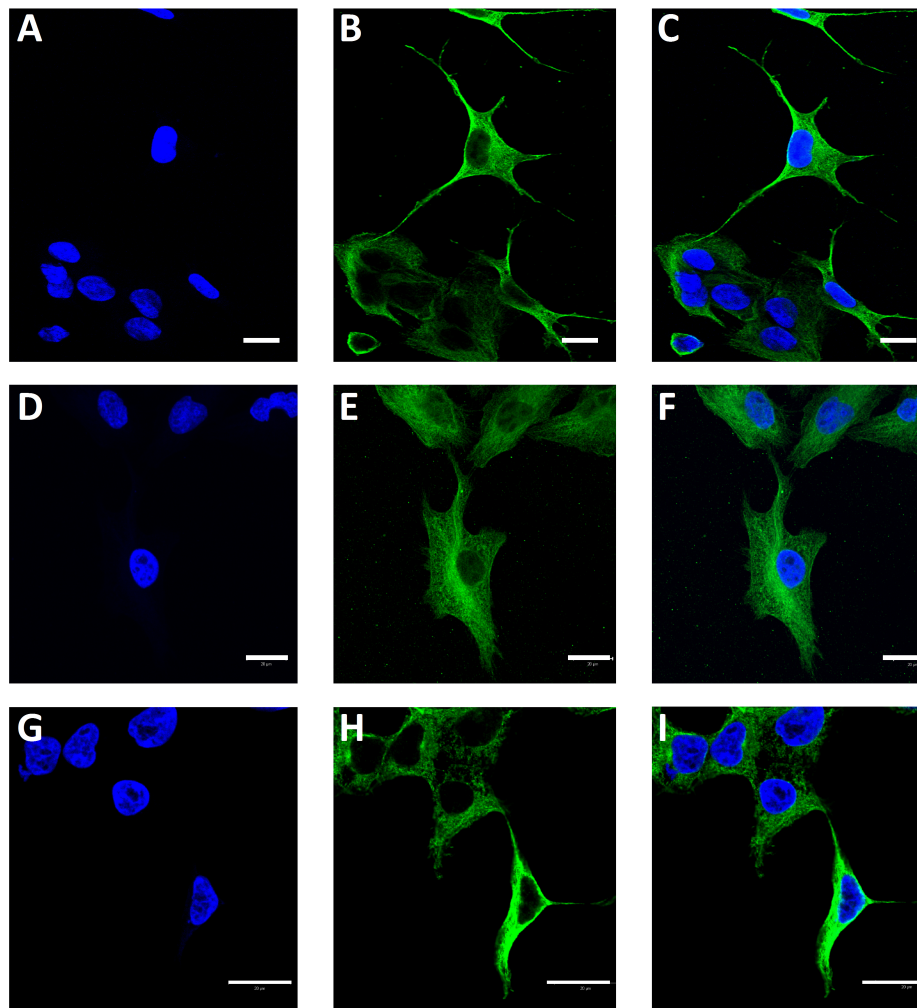


FIGURE 4.9: Confocal immunofluorescence microscopy showing the cytoplasmic localization of endogenous SARS in various cell lines, (A–C) SH-SY5Y, (D–F) HEK293-T, and (G–I) HeLa. The green signal corresponds to SARS staining, whereas the blue corresponds to nuclear DAPI staining. Scale bars = 20 μm .

Confocal microscopy revealed cytoplasmic localization of endogenous and ectopic SARS proteins in SH-SY5Y, HeLa and HEK293-T cells¹³. These findings are in agreement with the confocal microscopy studies by XU *ET AL.* who report that indeed the bulk of SARS localizes to the cytoplasm. Furthermore, they also observed minor fractions of SARS to be present in the nucleus where SARS shows a pronounced spotted pattern. Notably, their microscopic evidence of nuclear SARS was restricted to expression in HUVEC (Human Umbilical Vein Endothelial Cells) [XU *ET AL.*, 2012].

¹³Results of confocal immunofluorescence microscopy showing the cytoplasmic localization of SARS p.T429A are shown in section 9.2

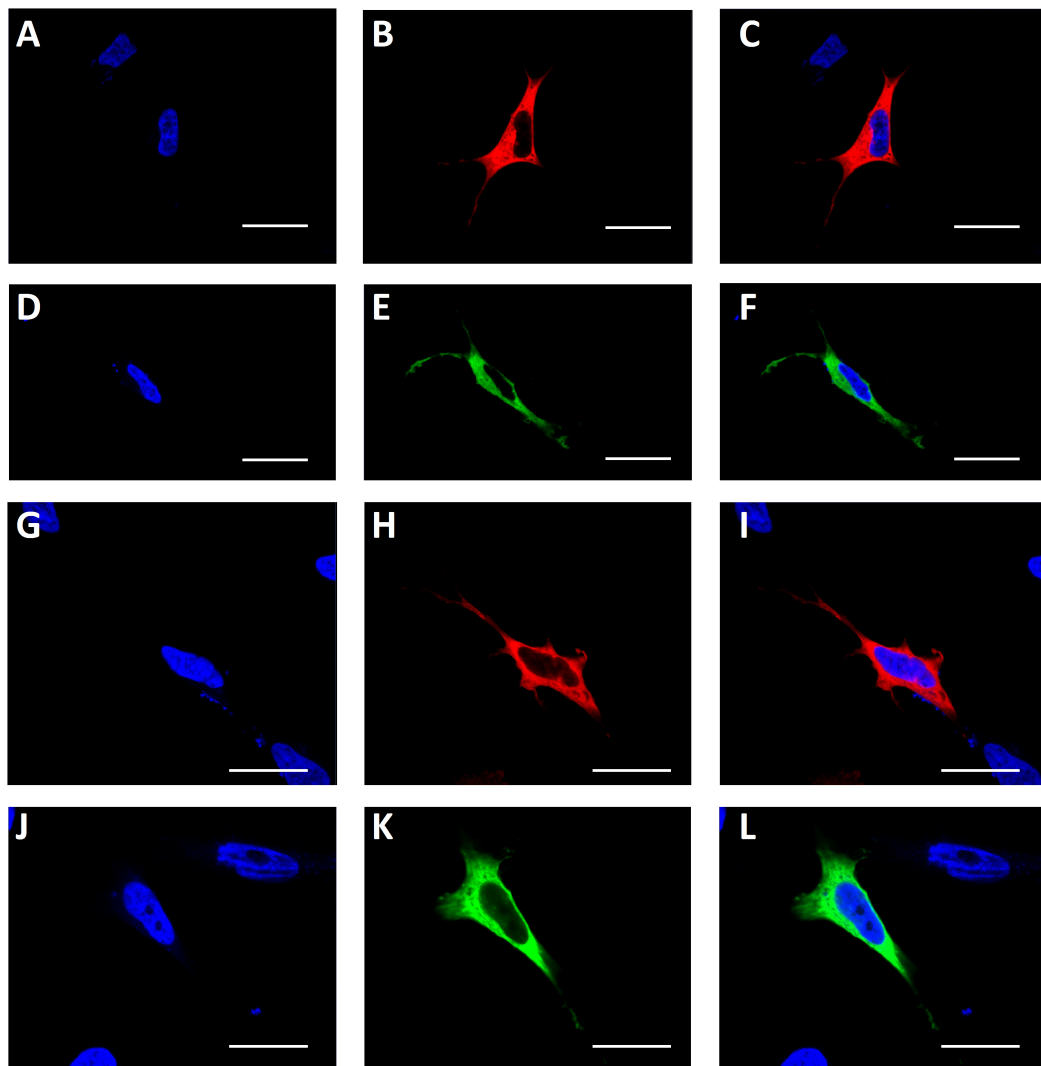


FIGURE 4.10: Confocal immunofluorescence microscopy showing the cytoplasmic localization of (A–F) wild-type and (G–L) p.D172N SARS-EYFP and SARS-mCherry in SH-SY5Y cells. Green: EYFP fluorescence; red: mCherry fluorescence; blue: DAPI. Scale bars = 20 μm.

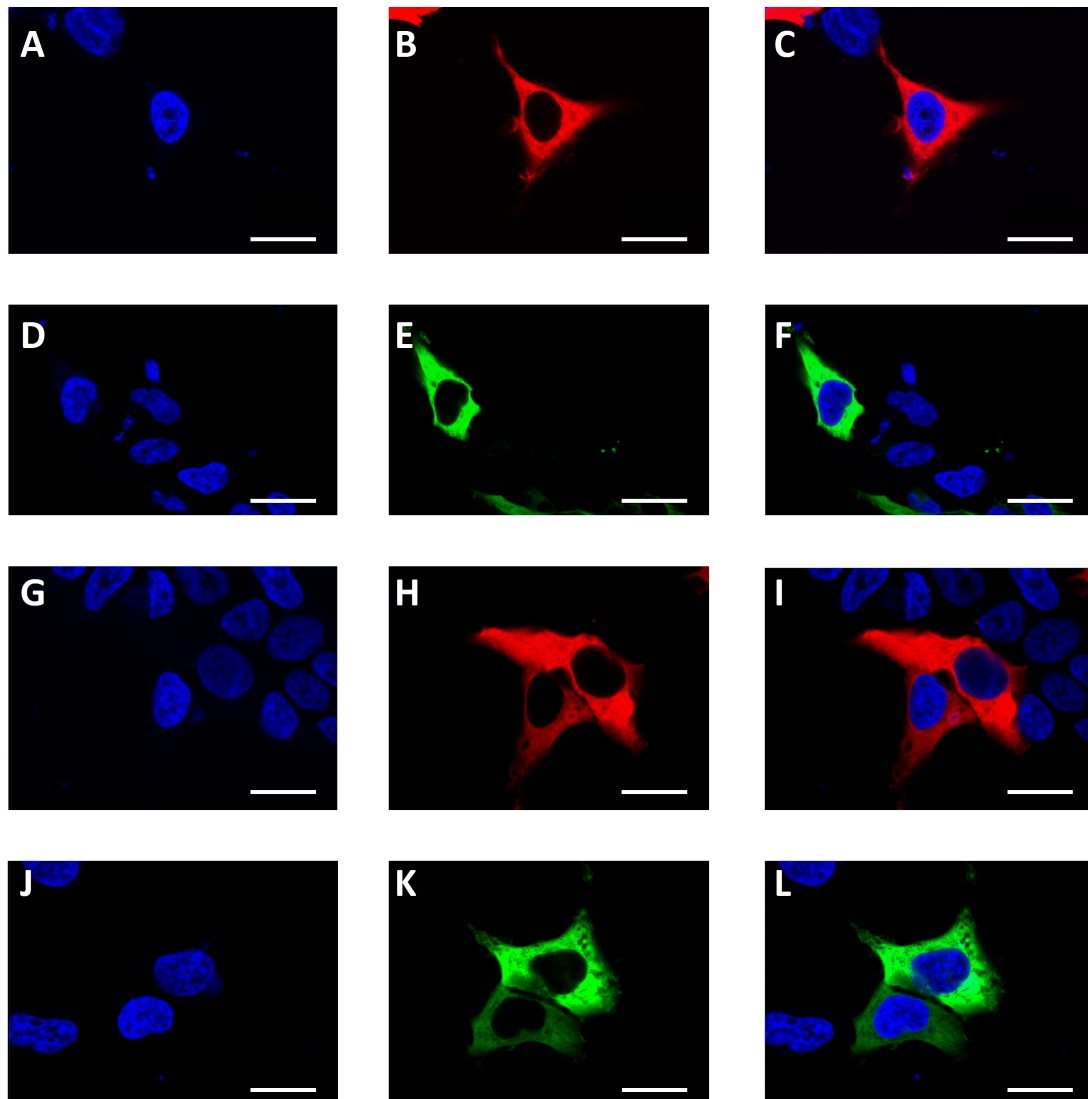


FIGURE 4.11: Confocal immunofluorescence microscopy showing the cytoplasmic localization of (A–F) wild-type and (G–L) p.D172N SARS-EYFP and SARS-mCherry in HEK293-T cells. Green: EYFP fluorescence; red: mCherry fluorescence; blue: DAPI. Scale bars = 20 μm.

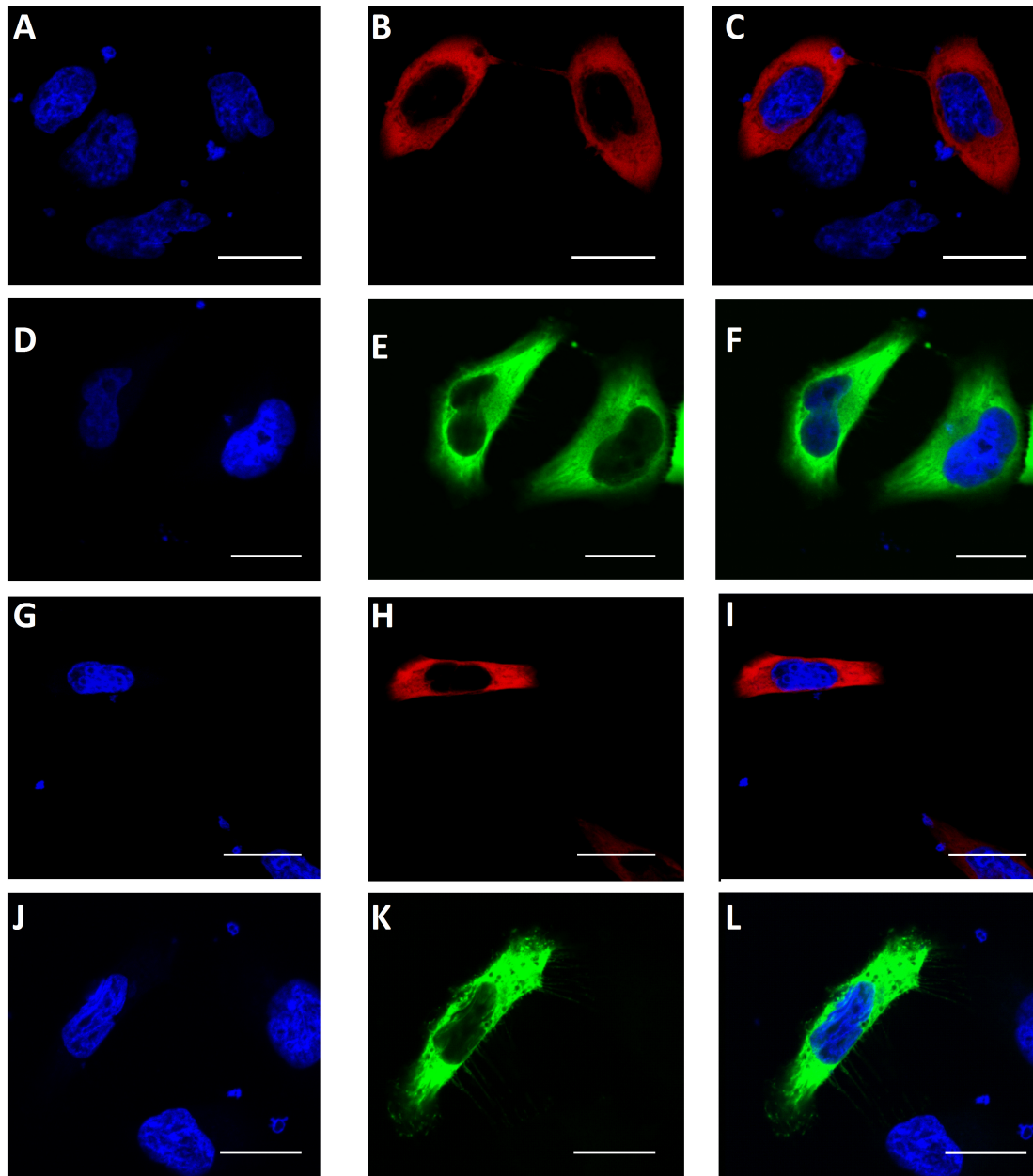


FIGURE 4.12: Confocal immunofluorescence microscopy showing the cytoplasmic localization of (A–F) wild-type and (G–L) p.D172N SARS-EYFP and SARS-mCherry in HeLa cells. Green: EYFP fluorescence; red: mCherry fluorescence; blue: DAPI. Scale bars = 20 μm.

4.11 Expression analysis of SARS p.D172N in mammalian cells

HEK293-T cells were transfected with *EYFP-SARS* wild-type and p.D172N expression vectors for 24 hours and transfection efficiency was determined by counting transfected cells by fluorescence microscopy. Transfections rates were $40.8\% \pm 3.2\%$ for SARS wild-type and $39.8\% \pm 1.1\%$ for SARS p.D172N, respectively. Data were derived from three independent transfections.

After transfection, cells were harvested and fractionated (see section 3.6.9). Expression of ectopic wild-type and mutant SARS proteins in whole cell lysate and cytosolic as well as nuclear extracts was analysed by Western Blotting using monoclonal anti-GFP antibody. The same membranes were then hybridized with anti-tubulin and anti-lamin antibody. Tubulin and lamin were used as control for cell fractionation and for normalization of ectopic SARS protein expression (Figures 4.13 and 4.14).

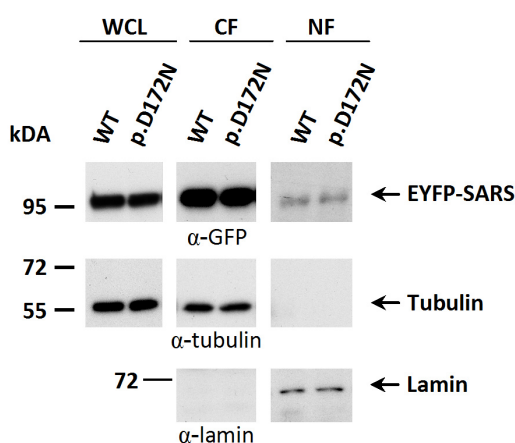


FIGURE 4.13: Expression of ectopic SARS proteins. Whole cell lysate (WCL), cytoplasmic (CF) and nuclear (NF) fractions from HEK293-T cells transfected either with wild-type or mutant EYFP-SARS were run on SDS-PAGE. The gel was blotted and probed with α -GFP antibody. The blot was subsequently probed with α -tubulin and α -lamin as loading controls for cytosolic and nuclear fractions, respectively.

The concentration of ectopic SARS p.D172N protein was reduced to 67 % as compared to ectopic SARS wild-type protein in whole cell extracts ($P < 0.005$) as well as in the cytosolic fraction ($P < 0.05$) (Figure 4.14). In the nuclear fraction no statistically significant differences in protein concentration could be observed. Normalization of EYFP-SARS bands to lamin bands revealed SARS/lamin ratios of $2.4\% \pm 0.5\%$ for EYFP-SARS wild-type ($n=6$) and $1.7\% \pm 1.0\%$ for EYFP-SARS p.D172N ($n=6$), respectively. However, quantification of protein amounts in the nuclear fraction was complicated due to low protein expression.

4.12 Impaired serine-activation of the SARS p.D172N enzyme

In silico modeling of SARS revealed that p.D172 maps close to the active site of the protein (Figure 4.8). Although it is facing away from the active site, p.D172 might influence SARS aminoacylation activity, because of its negative charge, which is lost upon mutation (p.D172N). To un-

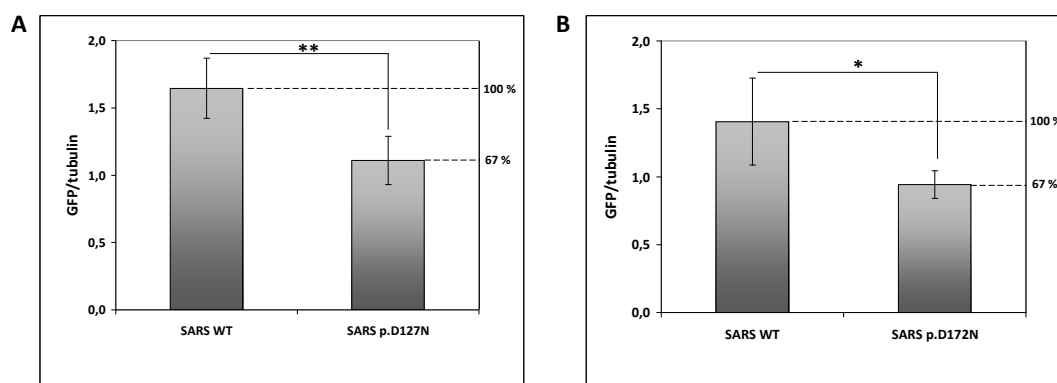


FIGURE 4.14: Quantification of wild-type and mutant EYFP-SARS expression in HEK293-T cells. Quantification of bands from Western blots was performed using ImageQuant software (Molecular Dynamics). Tubulin was used to normalize SARS protein expression. **A)** Histogram showing a statistically highly significant reduction of SARS p.D172N expression compared to expression of SARS wild-type in total cell lysate from HEK293-T cells ($n=8$; t test (two-tailed, homoscedastic): **, $P < 0.05$). SARS p.D172N expression is reduced to 67 % of SARS wildtype expression. **B)** Histogram showing significant reduction of mutant SARS in the cytosolic fraction as compared to wildtype SARS ($n=6$; t test (two-tailed, homoscedastic): **, $P < 0.05$). SARS p.D172N expression is reduced to 67 % of SARS wildtype expression.

derstand whether p.D172N SARS is still able to perform the first step of aminoacylation (see section 4.7) a pyrophosphate release assay was performed with wild-type SARS, p.D172N SARS and p.T429A SARS. The latter is unable to bind serine as p.T429A affects a serine binding site (Figure 4.4) and was used as a negative control during the aminoacylation test.

4.12.1 Overexpression and purification of wild-type and mutant SARS

SARS wild-type and mutant (p.D172N and p.T429A) cDNAs were cloned into pGEX6P3. Expression of GST-SARS fusion proteins in *E. coli* BL21 was induced with IPTG for four hours. Subsequently, GST-SARS fusion proteins were purified using glutathione sepharose columns. Glutathione was removed from the eluted proteins by buffer exchange. Quality of protein overexpression, purification and buffer exchange were checked by SDS-PAGE and subsequent Western Blotting (Figure 4.15).

All four proteins were expressed in *E. coli*. Fusion proteins GST-SARS wild-type, GST-SARS p.T429A and the unfused GST were stable throughout purification and buffer exchange. In contrast, GST-SARS p.D172N was very unstable during these procedures and major portions of the protein were degraded so that only a low amount of GST-SARS p.D172N could be obtained. Degradation of the p.D172N SARS protein has been observed during all purification experiments performed during this study. The purification conditions have been optimized so that a sufficient amount of SARS p.D172N for experimental use could be obtained. The SDS polyacrylamid gel was then stained with silver to quantify various proteins using a serial dilution of BSA as a standard (Figure 4.16).

Quantification of SARS protein bands was performed using the ImageQuant software (Molecular Dynamics). GST-SARS wild-type and p.T429A concentrations were 0.35 ng/ μ l and 0.30 ng/ μ l

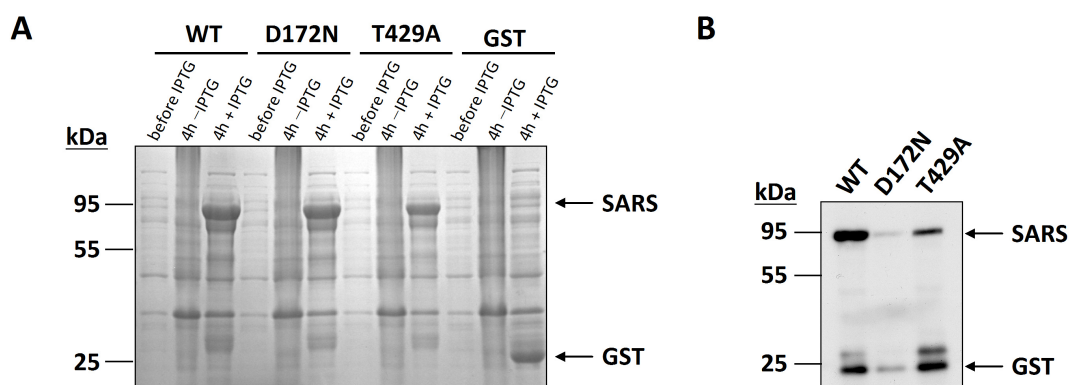


FIGURE 4.15: **A**) SDS-PAGE of bacterial lysates stained with Imperial™ Protein Stain (Thermo Scientific). Lysates of bacteria transfected with plasmids containing either GST-SARS wild-type, p.D172N, p.T429A or unfused GST before induction with IPTG and after incubation for four hours with or without 1 mM IPTG were loaded. After IPTG induction SARS-GST proteins show a clear band at 90 kDa. **B**) Western Blot showing purified GST-SARS fusion proteins. Equal volumes of proteins were loaded. The molecular weight is given in kDa. Proteins were detected by α -GST. The position of GST-SARS fusion protein bands (84 kDa) and GST protein band (26 kDa) are indicated.

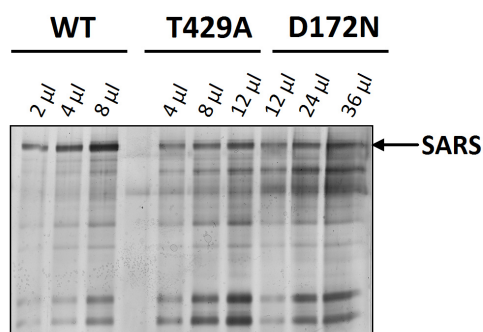
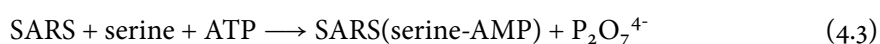


FIGURE 4.16: SDS-PAGE of GST-SARS fusion proteins after buffer exchange. The SDS-gel was stained using ProteoSilver™ Plus Silver Stain Kit (Sigma). Protein volumes of GST SARS wild-type, p.D172N and p.T429A loaded onto the gel are given. The position of GST-SARS fusion proteins (84 kDa) is indicated by an arrow.

respectively. The concentration of GST-SARS p.D172N was seven times lower (0.5 ng/ μ l) as compared to GST-SARS wild-type protein. Concentration of GST (0.3 μ g/ μ l) was determined with a spectrophotometer.

4.12.2 SARS p.D172N displays impaired serine activation activity *in vitro*

The enzymatic function of SARS is to charge its cognate tRNAs with serine. During the first step of this reaction, serine-adenylate is formed and pyrophosphate is released (Equation 4.3). Subsequently, pyrophosphate hydrolyses into inorganic phosphate (Equation 4.4).



I studied the ability of the SARS wild-type and mutant (p.D172N and p.T429A) proteins to form seryl-adenylate in a pyrophosphate release test. Enzyme activity was assayed at 37 °C and free phosphate was detected using BIOMOL GREEN Reagent™ as described (see section 3.8.1). The purified GST protein was used as an additional negative control. For each protein, activity measurements were performed in four and six probes at three different time points (0, 60 and 90 minutes) (Figure 4.17).

The pyrophosphate release of the wild-type SARS was 100 % at 60 minutes and after 90 minutes of incubation the enzyme still released 67 % pyrophosphate as a by-product of serine activation. This reduced rate of pyrophosphate production can be explained by entering of AMP into the back reaction of amino acid activation, product inhibition by the generated seryl-adenylate, or inhibition of SARS by pyrophosphate (discussed in section 6.1.5).

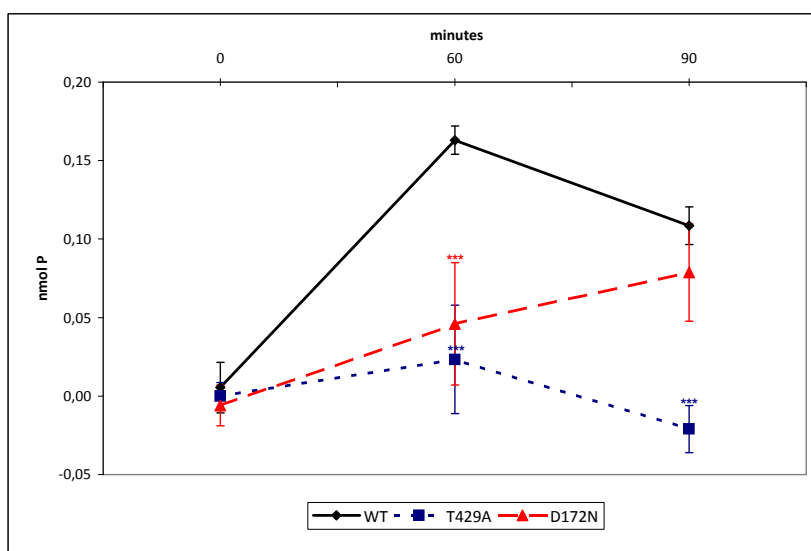


FIGURE 4.17: Results of pyrophosphate release assay. Equal amounts of recombinant SARS wild-type (WT) and mutant (p.D172N and p.T429A) proteins were used to assay the first step of aminoacylation. The pyrophosphate released (nmol P) during serine activation was measured in a colorimetric reaction using BIOMOL GREEN Reagent™. At 60 minutes p.D172N SARS (n = 4; red line) shows highly statistically significant reduction of pyrophosphate release as compared to wildtype SARS. The catalytically inactive p.T429A SARS (blue line) released no pyrophosphate (n=6). Data were normalized to individual background activity. *** $P < 0.001$ (Student's t test; two-tailed, homoscedastic).

Remarkably, a highly significant loss of serine-activation was observed for the SARS p.D172N mutant. At 60 minutes GST-SARS p.D172N released only 28 % pyrophosphate as compared to the GST-SARS wild-type enzyme and even after 90 minutes of incubation GST-SARS p.D172N still produced 51 % less pyrophosphate as the wild-type enzyme (release at 60 minutes). The GST-SARS p.T429A mutant is unable to perform the aminoacylation reaction because a serine binding site is destroyed by this amino acid substitution. Consistent with previous findings (e. g. XU *ET AL.* [2012]) the GST-SARS p.T429A was inactive during the assay. As expected, the GST protein did not show any pyrophosphate release (data not shown).

5 Results – Family M8600485

5.1 Linkage analysis and mutation screening in family 8600485

The affected individuals of family 8600485 all presented with a pronounced phenotype (see section 3.1.2). Parametric linkage analysis in family 8600485 revealed a single interval of homozygosity on chromosome six with a LOD score of 3.1 (Figures 5.1 A and 5.2)¹. The linkage interval had a size of 9.7 Mb was flanked by the heterozygous SNPs rs9379512 (chr6:23391399-23391899, hg19) and rs10484569 (chr6:33058702-33059202, hg19) (Figure 5.2).

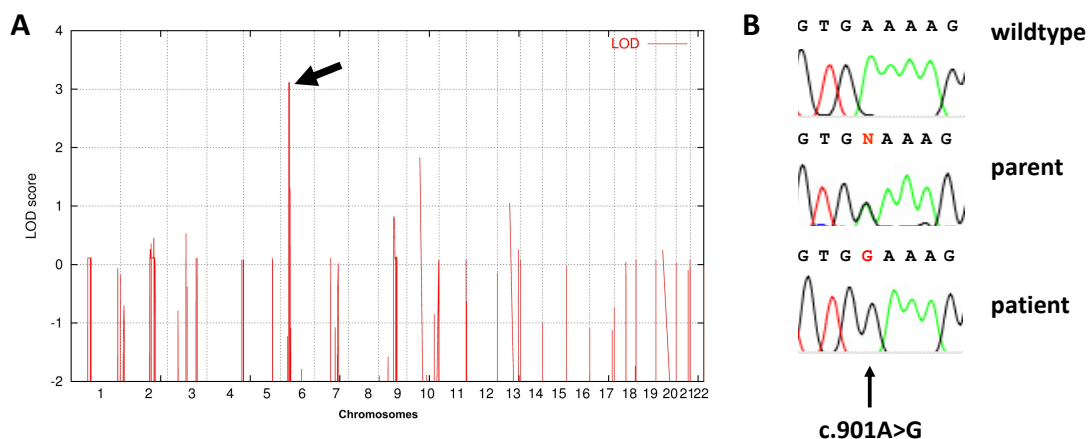


FIGURE 5.1: **A)** Linkage profile resulting from whole genome parametric linkage analysis, showing a single linkage interval (arrow) with significant LOD score 3.1 on chromosome 6p22–p21.32. **B)** Sequence chromatograms of an affected individual, a parent and a healthy control (wild-type), showing the homozygous substitution c.901A > G in *ALDH5A1* in the affected individual.

The gene *ALDH5A1* (aldehyde dehydrogenase 5a1, NM_001080, MIM #610045) was one of the 284 RefSeq genes (hg19) located within this interval (Figure 5.3). *ALDH5A1* is a known disease gene and has been associated with succinic semialdehyde dehydrogenase (SSADH) deficiency (MIM #271980), an autosomal recessive inherited neurodevelopmental disorder. As the patients' phenotype showed common features of SSADH-deficiency, in this study, all coding exons and exon-intron boundaries of *ALDH5A1* were amplified by PCR and subsequently analyzed by Sanger sequencing. This led to the identification of an A > G substitution in exon six

¹Linkage analysis was carried out by Dr. M. Garshasbi. Genotyping (SNP analysis) of all affected family members, their parents, healthy sibling and the affected cousin was performed using the Human 610-Quad BeadChip (Illumina) following the protocol of the manufacturer. Details of data quality controls and linkage analysis have been published elsewhere [GARSHASBI ET AL., 2006].

of *ALDH5A1* (c.901A > G, chr1: 24520659, hg19) which leads to a substitution of leucine² with glutamic acid at amino acid position 301 in the SSADH protein (p.K301E; NP_001071). This missense mutation co-segregated with the disease in the core family and was also present in the affected cousin. c.901A > G was not found in 94 population matched healthy unrelated control individuals as well as 124 German controls. Moreover, c.901A > G was not reported in any of the genome databases³ used to extend the control cohort.

5.2 The p.K301E mutation resides near an active site of SSADH

ALDH5A1 encodes SSADH, a NAD⁺ dependent mitochondrial matrix enzyme. SSADH is involved in the final degradation step of the inhibitory neurotransmitter gamma-aminobutyric acid (GABA), which results in the conversion of succinic semialdehyde (SSA) into succinic acid (succinate) in the mitochondrial matrix. The substrate binding sites are located at protein residues p.R213, p.R334 and p.S498. The active sites of SSADH are located at protein residues p.E306 and p.C340. The missense mutation resulting in p.K301E is thus located in close proximity to the first of these active sites. Schematic views of the gene and protein structures of both *ALDH5A1* and SSADH, including the position of the mutation are depicted in Figure 5.4.

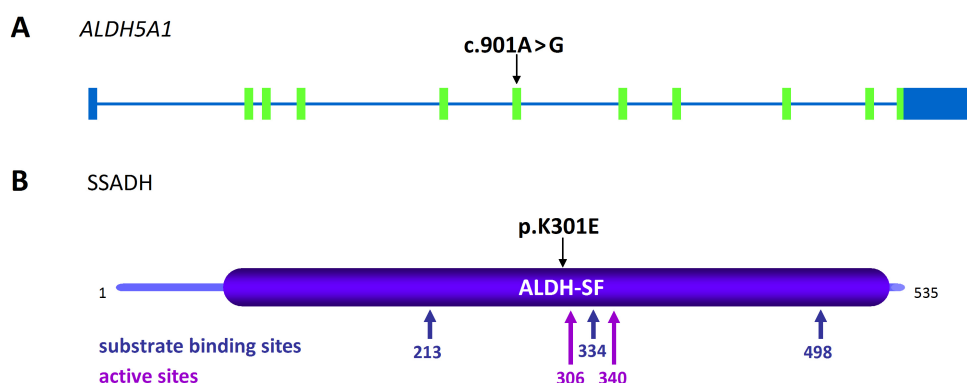


FIGURE 5.4: **A)** Schematic representations of *ALDH5A1*. The position of missense mutation c.901A > G in exon six of *ALDH5A1* is indicated. **B)** Schematic representation of SSADH protein. The relative positions of the substituted p.K301 is labeled on top of the domain structure and the substrate binding sites (blue) and the active sites (violet) are indicated below the domain structure. ALDH-SF: aldehyde dehydrogenase superfamily domain. Positions of the active sites and the substrate binding sites are based on <http://www.uniprot.org/uniprot/P51649>.

5.3 p.K301E within SSADH has a high disease causing potential

Next, evolutionary conservation of the *ALDH5A1* gene, its gene product, the SSADH protein, and both the affected nucleotide and substituted amino acid were investigated. *In silico* analysis

²Three-letter and single-letter amino acid codes are listed in subsection 9.5.

³1. Exome Variant Server; 2. 200 Danish individuals [LI ET AL., 2010]; 3. 1000 Genome Project; references see above

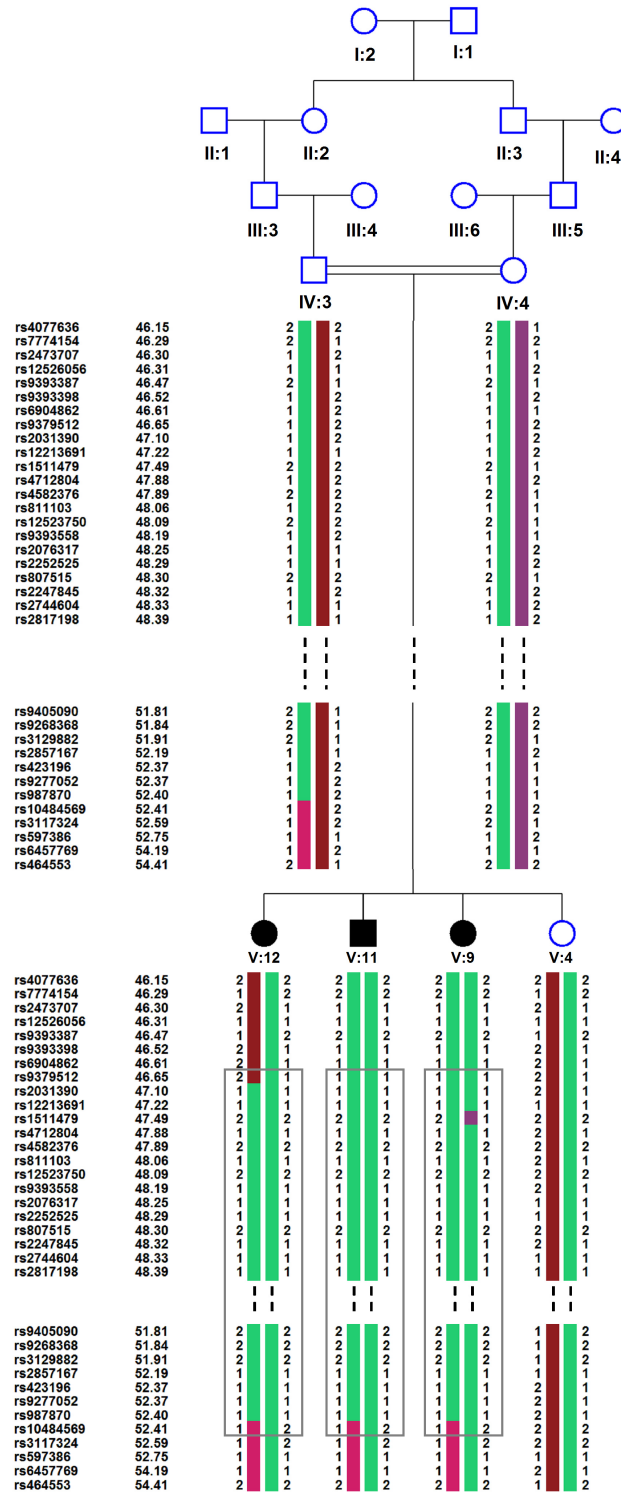


FIGURE 5.2: Haplotyping results for family 8600485. Grey frame: Homozygous haplotype between SNP markers rs9379512 and rs10484569 on chr.6p22-p21.32 in affected individuals.

with Homologene⁴ revealed that SSADH is highly evolutionarily conserved and is present in all eukaryota (Table 5.1). *ALDH5A1* c.901A has a phyloP score of 5.031 (i. e. conserved) and p.K301 is highly conserved throughout the animal kingdom (Figure 5.5).

Table 5.1: Pairwise alignment scores of orthologs from other species and human *ALDH5A1*

	<i>ALDH5A1</i>	Identity in [%]	
	Gene symbol	Protein	DNA
<i>P. troglodytes</i>	<i>ALDH5A1</i>	99.6	99.6
<i>C. lupus</i>	<i>ALDH5A1</i>	91.4	87.7
<i>B. taurus</i>	<i>ALDH5A1</i>	85.9	86.1
<i>M. musculus</i>	<i>Aldh5a1</i>	86.2	82.0
<i>R. norvegicus</i>	<i>Aldh5a1</i>	86.0	82.0
<i>G. gallus</i>	<i>ALDH5A1</i>	78.4	72.6
<i>D. rerio</i>	<i>aldh5a1</i>	70.7	67.6
<i>D. melanogaster</i>	<i>Ssadh</i>	53.3	55.1
<i>A. gambiae</i>	AgaP_AGAP003165	54.2	56.6
<i>C. elegans</i>	<i>alh-7</i>	50.1	53.7
<i>S. cerevisiae</i>	<i>UGA2</i>	48.7	53.6
<i>K. lactis</i>	KLLA0E17491g	50.6	54.3
<i>N. crassa</i>	NCU00936	57.5	57.9
<i>A. thaliana</i>	<i>ALDH5F1</i>	59.5	58.6

In further *in silico* analyses to determine the disease causing potential of *ALDH5A1* c.901A > G, all five of the programmes used unanimously predicted deleterious consequences for SSADH function (PolyPhen2: "probably damaging"; Mutation Taster: "disease causing"; SIFT: "mutation affects protein function"; PANTHER: "deleterious"; PROVEAN: "deleterious").

Species	p.K301E ↓
<i>H. sapiens</i>	NSV <u>K</u> RVSMEL
<i>P. troglodytes</i>	NSV <u>K</u> RVSMEL
<i>M. mulatta</i>	NSV <u>K</u> RVSMEL
<i>M. musculus</i>	NSV <u>K</u> RVSMEL
<i>R. norvegicus</i>	NSV <u>K</u> RVSMEL
<i>B. taurus</i>	NSV <u>K</u> RVSMEL
<i>C. lupus</i>	GSV <u>K</u> RVSMEL
<i>G. gallus</i>	GTV <u>K</u> RVSMEL
<i>D. rerio</i>	GTV <u>K</u> RVSMEL
<i>C. elegans</i>	STV <u>K</u> RVCLEL
<i>D. melanogaster</i>	DGI <u>K</u> RICLEL
<i>S. cerevisiae</i>	STL <u>K</u> KLSFEL
<i>A. thaliana</i>	PTV <u>K</u> KVSLEL

FIGURE 5.5: Multiple-species protein alignment of the affected amino acid p.K301 within the SSADH protein. The affected amino acid (bold and underlined) is shown together with flanking sequences and marked by an arrow.

⁴(see section 3.3)

5.4 Succinic semialdehyde dehydrogenase deficiency

The clinical phenotype of SSADH deficiency has a high intra- and interfamilial variability ranging from mild delayed intellectual, motor, speech and language development to severe neurological defects including seizures, hypotonia, ataxia and behavioural problems [JAKOBS *ET AL.*, 1993; GIBSON *ET AL.*, 1997; PEARL *ET AL.*, 2003]. In affected individuals, the GABA degradation pathway is disrupted. GABA, the major inhibitory neurotransmitter of the brain, is derived from the major excitatory neurotransmitter glutamate. After reuptake from the synaptic cleft, GABA is deaminated to succinic semialdehyde (SSA). Subsequently, the NAD^+ -dependent SSADH oxidizes SSA to succinate (Equation 5.1, see also Figure 6.1).



Loss of SSADH activity leads to accumulation of SSA, which is degraded to gamma-hydroxybutyric acid (GHB) [LYON *ET AL.*, 2007] that in turn has effects on multiple neurotransmitter systems [GIBSON *ET AL.*, 2003]. The accumulation of GHB in physiological fluids of the affected individuals with concentrations range from 2-fold to 800-fold in urine, 4-fold to 200-fold in plasma, and 100-fold to 1200-fold in cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) compared to controls, which is the biochemical hallmark of SSADH deficiency [GIBSON *ET AL.*, 1990]. As reviewed by KIM *ET AL.*, SSADH deficiency is usually diagnosed by analysis of physiological fluids, and suggestive GHB levels are then confirmed by enzymatic and molecular tests [KIM *ET AL.*, 2011].

5.5 p.K301E abolishes SSADH activity

Unfortunately, blood, liquor or urine of affected individuals from family 8600485 were not available. Therefore, SSADH activity was investigated using protein preparations from patient lymphoblasts. During oxidation of SSA to succinate by SSADH, the cofactor NAD^+ is converted to NADH, which fluoresces and has an emission peak at 460 nm. Therefore, NADH fluorescence can be used as a measure of SSADH activity. SSADH activity was determined using lymphoblast preparations from six healthy age- and sex-matched controls and the index patient (V-11; Figure 3.2). Various concentrations of the cofactor NAD^+ (0–0.1 mM) were used. Measurement of SSADH activity was performed in triplicate for each NAD^+ concentration on two consecutive days, respectively. The results of this experiment are shown in Figure 5.6.

In the control cell lines, SSADH activity increased in correlation with elevated amounts of NAD^+ . However, in the patient cell line no SSADH activity could be detected. To understand whether SSADH p.K301E requires higher NAD^+ concentrations to oxidate SSA to succinate the assay was further performed with NAD^+ concentrations between 0.5 and 2 mM. However, SSADH was found to be still inactive in the patient cell line, whereas in the control cell lines a dose dependent decrease in SSADH activity was observed (data not shown). Day-to-day variability in this study was in line with assay variability published by others [e. g. GIBSON *ET AL.* 1991].

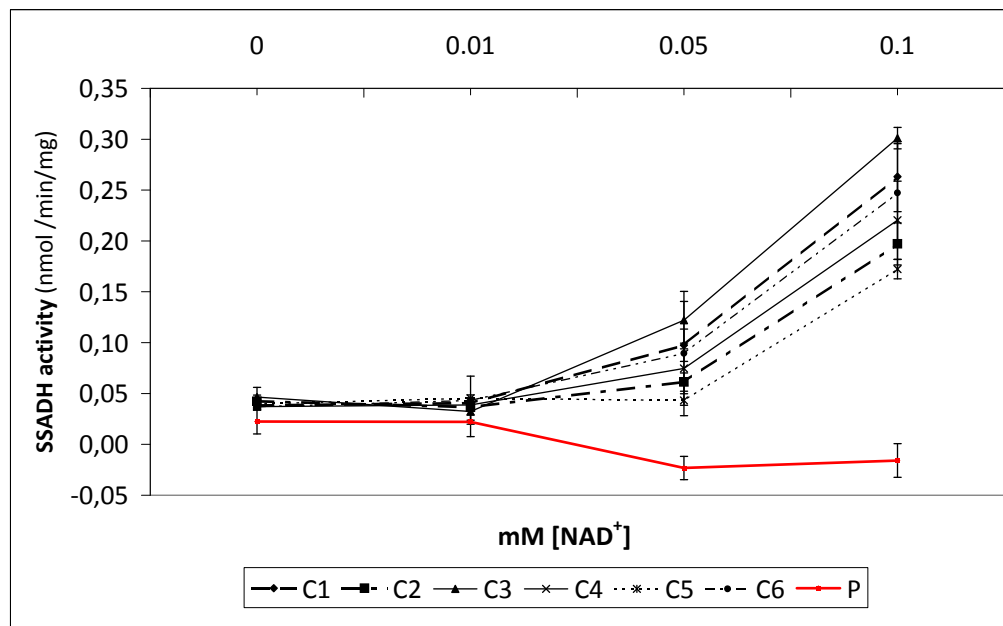


FIGURE 5.6: SSADH activity in lymphoblast cell lines of the affected individual (P) and six controls (C1–C6) at different NAD⁺ concentrations (0–0.1 mM). SSADH activity is given as nmol/min/mg protein. Data were normalized against background activity. Each data point is the mean value of two separate experiments that were performed in triplicate, respectively. Error bars represent the standard deviation.

5.6 Structure-based mutation analysis of SSADH p.K301E

Thus, *in vitro* enzyme tests showed that SSADH p.K301E is enzymatically inactive. To understand the impact of p.K301E on protein structure, *in silico* structure-based modeling of SSADH was performed with the support of Dr. H. Stehr. Modeling of wild-type and mutant SSADH residues was performed based on SSADH crystal structure 2W8R (PDB) (Figure 5.7).

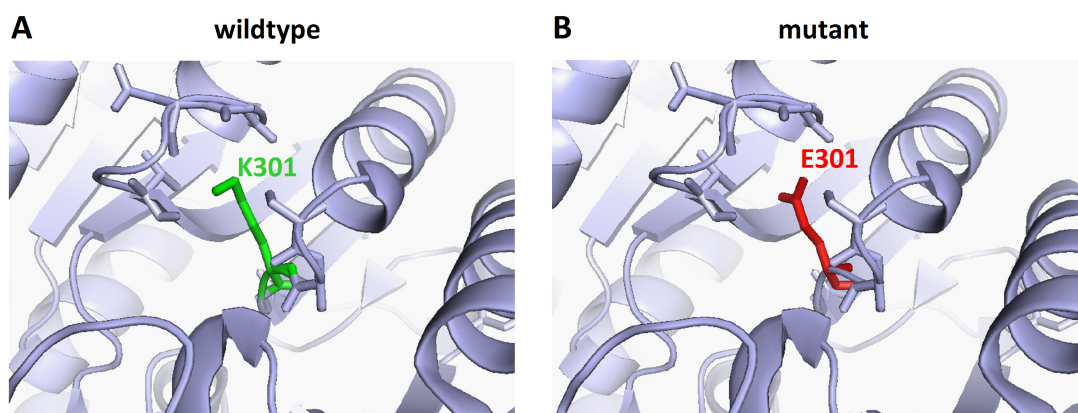


FIGURE 5.7: *In silico* modeling of p.K301E within SSADH. The SSADH residue affected by the missense mutation is presented as stick model in green in the wild-type (A) and red in the mutant protein (B). Modeling was performed with PDB file 2W8R.

In the wild-type structure, p.K301 connects two α helices and one β strand, which are involved in the binding of NAD^+ . The non-conservative change from a positively charged lysine to the negatively charged glutamine likely destabilizes this area of the protein core. Thus, p.K301E SSADH is probably unable to bind NAD^+ and is therefore unable to catalyze the oxidation of SSA to succinate. Dr. H. Stehr quantified this effect by *in silico* energy calculations with the Concoord/PBSA method [BENEDIX *ET AL.*, 2009] which calculates mutation-dependent stability changes. The simulation predicted a decrease in stability of 6.67 kcal/mol, which indicates a profound destabilization of the SSADH protein.

These results are in keeping with the abolished SSADH activity in the lymphoblastoid cell line of the affected family member and strongly suggest that the SSADH deficiency in family 8600485 is caused by c.901A > G (p.K301E) in the *ALDH5A1* gene.

6 Discussion

I report here on two consanguineous Iranian families affected by two different forms of ARID. In the first family (M289) the affected individuals suffer from NS-ARID and present with moderate ID and borderline microcephaly without any other co-morbidities. In the second family (M8600485), the affected individuals present with a profound syndromic phenotype including moderate ID, tonic-clonic seizures and developmental delay. Using homozygosity mapping and Sanger sequencing, plausible ARID gene defects were identified for both families. Subsequently, functional studies were performed to elucidate the genotype-phenotype correlation in both disorders. The findings concerning family M289 are discussed below. The studies of 8600485 are discussed in section 6.2.

6.1 Discussion – Family M289

I present two homozygous missense mutations in two novel NS-ARID candidate genes, *SARS* and *ZNF697*, that segregate with moderate ID and borderline microcephaly in a large consanguineous Iranian family (M289) with arab ethnicity. Both genes are located in a genomic ARID locus on chromosome 1p13.3–p11.2. In this study, I characterized both genes and mutations with respect to their functional implications in cognition and their influence on the ID phenotype observed in the affected individuals. The sequence variant within *ZNF697* (c.472C > A [p.P158T]) is predicted to be benign by four algorithms and the affected nucleotide is not conserved. Therefore, it is likely that the *ZNF697* variant is a previously undescribed rare polymorphism, and the only remaining sequence alteration with disease-causing potential is the c.514G > A mutation in the *SARS* gene.

6.1.1 SARS p.D172N probably underlies ARID in M289

ARSs are essential and ubiquitously expressed enzymes responsible for ligating amino acids to cognate tRNA molecules in mitochondria and in the cytosol. Mutations in five mitochondrial ARS have been associated with brain specific phenotypes and four genes encoding cytoplasmic ARSs have been implicated in inherited peripheral neuropathy with an axonal pathology indicating an important role of this enzyme class in neurons and the human brain [YAO AND FOX, 2013; ANTONELLIS AND GREEN, 2008]. Therefore, *SARS* is the most plausible candidate gene for the ARID phenotype observed in family M289. Moreover, the mutation within *SARS* (c.514G > A [p.D172N]) affects a highly conserved nucleotide position and was predicted to have deleterious

consequences on SARS protein function by five different algorithms. Interestingly, a heterozygous nonsense mutation (p.R107X) within SARS is reported in the Exome Variant Server but as this was supposedly found in a healthy individual, one could assume that SARS p.R107X transcripts probably undergo degradation mediated by nonsense-mediated mRNA decay (NMD). Thus, functional loss of one SARS allele does not lead to haploinsufficiency in humans. Findings in mice support this assumption, as SEBURN *ET AL.* demonstrated that animals heterozygous for a glycyl-tRNA synthase (GARS) null allele (*Gars*^{-/+}) did not show phenotypic alterations in spite of a twofold lower *Gars* mRNA level and threefold lower *Gars* enzyme activity than wild-type mice in brain and kidney [SEBURN *ET AL.*, 2006]. Moreover, also in *D. melanogaster*, loss of one YARS allele does not result in haploinsufficiency Storkebaum2009. Therefore, in keeping with the autosomal recessive mode of inheritance observed in M289, loss of one gene copy of an essential ARS gene is apparently not sufficient to cause a disorder.

6.1.2 SARS is expressed in brain regions that are important for learning and memory

Cells destined to form the nervous system begin to develop three weeks after fertilization. During the development of the brain and nervous system the emerging neurites need to cover great distances on their way to their target cells. The tip of a neurite is made of the axonal growth cone that finds its path through the central nervous system by following signals sent by cell surfaces, growth factors, growth cone attractants, and growth cone repellents [TESSIER-LAVIGNE AND GOODMAN, 1996; O'DONNELL *ET AL.*, 2009]. Upon reaching its final target, the growth cone is replaced by a presynaptic nerve terminal. In fetal rat brain, a great diversity of proteins is involved in axonal pathfinding, cytoskeletal remodeling, vesicular traffic and carbohydrate metabolism. The majority of these proteins play roles in translation (including SARS and further 18 cytoplasmic and bifunctional ARSs), protein folding, posttranslational processing, and proteasome/ubiquitination-dependent degradation [ESTRADA-BERNAL *ET AL.*, 2012].

In the study presented here, SARS was found to be already expressed during these early stages of brain development but also in the mature brain. RT-PCR experiments using RNA extracted from fetal brain tissue showed SARS expression in whole fetal brain as well as in the parietal lobe, the frontal lobe and the temporal lobe. These three parts of the human cerebrum are exceptionally important for memory and learning. Parietal lobe function has been linked to working memory, spatial orientation [ANDERSEN AND BUNEO, 2002; CABEZA AND NYBERG, 2000] and attentional processes [CORBETTA AND SHULMAN, 2002]. Higher-level cognitive processes, e. g. executive skills (decision-making, planning, sustained attention, awareness and insight) and working memory, take place in the frontal lobe [LINDEN, 2007]. The most anterior part of the frontal lobe, the prefrontal cortex, controls many higher-order executive tasks. It is involved in e. g. learning [PASUPATHY AND MILLER, 2005; ANTZOULATOS AND MILLER, 2011], memory [WARDEN AND MILLER, 2010], categorization [FREEDMAN *ET AL.*, 2001; ANTZOULATOS AND MILLER, 2011] as well as cognitive flexibility [CLARKE *ET AL.*, 2004; GRUBER *ET AL.*, 2010; RYGULA *ET AL.*, 2010]. The medial temporal lobe includes a system of anatomically related structures that

underly conscious memory for facts and events (declarative memory). The system consists of the hippocampal region and the adjacent cortices (perirhinal, entorhinal, and parahippocampal cortex) [SQUIRE *ET AL.*, 2004, 2007].

In the mature brain expression of *SARS* was observed in extracts from adult hippocampus tissue. The hippocampal axons form two-way connections among the temporal, frontal, and parietal lobes [ROBERTSON, 2002]. Moreover, the hippocampus and its surrounding tissue transfer explicit information to permanent storage sites located throughout the cerebral cortex [EICHENBAUM, 1999]. Thus, the hippocampus is the central processing area for declarative learning and memory [SQUIRE, 2004].

Interestingly, LOERCH *ET AL.* found *SARS* to be one of those genes that are differentially regulated in the cortex of humans, rhesus macaques and mice¹. It was observed that humans and rhesus macaques diverge from mice due to a profound increase in age-dependent depression of neuronal genes [LOERCH *ET AL.*, 2008]. The depression is caused by increased DNA damage in the promoter regions particularly of those genes which are involved in functions relevant for learning, memory and neuronal survival [LU *ET AL.*, 2004]. Down-regulation of *SARS* expression in the aging human cortex therefore underscores the importance for human *SARS* in cognitive processes and its likelihood to be a plausible ARID candidate gene².

6.1.3 Confocal microscopy reveals cytoplasmic localization of wild-type and mutant *SARS* in SH-SY5Y, HeLa and HEK293-T cells

Several mutations within *GARS* and *YARS* that underly peripheral neuropathy cause altered intracellular localization of their specific gene products. For example, in neuronal and non-neuronal cells, *GARS* tagged with enhanced green fluorescent protein (EGFP) associates with cytoplasmic granules, whereas mutant forms of *GARS* display a diffuse cellular localization pattern [ANTONELLIS *ET AL.*, 2006]. A similar observation was made for *YARS*, which is associated with granular structures in the neurite projections of cultured neurons and in primary embryonic motor neurons. Whereas wild-type *YARS* tagged with EGFP co-localizes with cytoplasmic granule structures, EGFP-tagged mutant forms of *YARS* showed marked reduction in granule localization and a diffuse cytoplasmic staining [JORDANOVA *ET AL.*, 2006].

To understand whether altered subcellular localization of *SARS* might be involved in the disease mechanism underlying ID in family M289, expression of endogenous *SARS* and N- or C-terminally tagged *SARS* variants (wild-type and p.D172N) was studied in SH-SY5Y cells as a neuronal model system. In addition, HeLa and HEK293-T cells were investigated to explore potential cell-specific differences. Fluorescence stained endogenous *SARS* and EYFP- and mCherry tagged forms of *SARS* (wild-type and p.D172N) localized unanimously in the cytoplasm and no cell specific differences were observed. These results are in good agreement with a study

¹While in the aging brains of rhesus macaques and mice the expression of *SARS* is up-regulated, *SARS* expression is down-regulated in the human brain [LOERCH *ET AL.*, 2008].

²Of note, *ZNF697* expression changes with age in all three species, but differs directionally between mouse and rhesus macaque. In the aging brain of human and rhesus macaque the expression of *ZNF697* is downregulated, but up-regulated in the aging mouse brain [LOERCH *ET AL.*, 2008].

by XU *ET AL.* [2012]: using confocal microscopy these authors show that in HUVEC (Human Umbilical Vein Endothelial Cells) the majority of SARS is located in the cytoplasm and only a minority of SARS is present in the nucleus [XU *ET AL.*, 2012]. The absence of SARS in the nucleus of SH-SY5Y, HEK293-T and HeLa cells observed here can be explained by the resolution limit of confocal microscopy that might not allow the detection of extremely low amounts of fluorescent protein. Furthermore, the presence of high amounts of SARS in the nucleus is probably not needed in these cell types. In contrast, nuclear SARS is essential for angiogenesis and therefore mandatory in HUVEC [XU *ET AL.*, 2012]. Specifically, SARS³ regulates the expression of the vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGFA), a key regulator of vascular development, most likely at the level of transcription [XU *ET AL.*, 2012; HERZOG *ET AL.*, 2009; FUKUI *ET AL.*, 2009].

Still, as the mutation p.D172N within SARS apparently did not lead to considerable mislocalization detectable by confocal microscopy, I set out to further investigate by cell fractionation, whether the EYFP-tagged wild-type SARS and p.D172N SARS could be detected in the nucleus of mammalian cells and if the p.D172N substitution has an influence on subcellular SARS concentrations.

6.1.4 Expression analysis reveals cytoplasmic and nuclear localization of wild-type and mutant SARS in mammalian cells

Energy calculations of stability changes upon mutation revealed a destabilizing effect of the p.D172N substitution on SARS. Concordant with this *in silico* prediction, expression analysis suggested that the mutant protein could be unstable. In fact, expression of ectopic SARS p.D172N was highly significantly reduced as compared to ectopic wild-type SARS in whole cell lysate. Moreover, less ectopic mutant protein was also detected in the cytosolic compartment, confirming our previous results. To exclude differences attributed to unequal transfection efficiency, immunofluorescence experiments were performed. Transfection rates for both expression vectors (SARS wild-type and p.D172N) were found to be equally 40 %.

Furthermore, these experiments revealed that overexpressed SARS wild-type and mutant proteins are not only present in the cytosol but also in the nuclear fraction. These findings were also confirmed for endogenous SARS (see section 9.4). In the nuclear fraction equal amount of ectopic EYFP-SARS proteins were observed, suggesting that p.D172N does not affect the translocation in this compartment. However, quantification was hampered by the low protein amount. Although the nuclear function of most ARSs is not yet clear, it has been proposed that ARSs might perform aminoacylation-dependent quality control of tRNA to ensure that only fully mature tRNA is exported into the cytoplasm [GROSSHANS *ET AL.*, 2000; SARKAR *ET AL.*, 1999; LUND AND DAHLBERG, 1998].

³SARS is one of four ARSs (EPRS [JIA *ET AL.*, 2008; RAY AND FOX, 2007], YARS [WAKASUGI *ET AL.*, 2002a] and WARS [WAKASUGI *ET AL.*, 2002b]) that regulate angiogenesis by a non-canonical activity that is independent of their aminoacylation function.

6.1.5 p.D172N within SARS impairs aminoacylation activity

In silico modeling revealed that the p.D172N substitution might affect the aminoacylation activity of SARS, because p.D172N is located spatially close to the active site, but faces away from the seven-stranded antiparallel β -sheet (β_1 – β_9 – β_{10} – β_{11} – β_{13} – β_8 – β_7) that constitutes the central core of the aminoacylation domain. However, p.D172 provides a negative charge that is lost in the SARS p.D172N variant. This loss might have negative effects on the hydrophobic pocket next to the active site. To test this hypothesis, I purified recombinant SARS proteins (wild-type, p.D172N and p.T429A) and investigated the effect of the missense mutations on the first step of the aminoacylation reaction, where serine is activated and seryl-adenylate is formed.

The activity of SARS wild-type, SARS p.D172N and the aminoacylation-defective SARS protein (p.T429A) was assayed for 90 minutes *in vitro*. Remarkably, this analysis indicated that the p.D172N substitution significantly impairs the ability of SARS to activate serine. The amount of pyrophosphate released during this reaction was significantly lower as compared to the amount of pyrophosphate released by the SARS wild-type enzyme, when incubated for 60 minutes. Even after 90 minutes, SARS p.D172N released 51 % less pyrophosphate than the wild-type enzyme after 60 minutes.

These findings are in good agreement with reduced aminoacylation activity of a previously described SARS p.F383V variant [XU *ET AL.*, 2012]. The residue p.F383 is located near the end (β_{10}) of the same core β -strand and near the active site. The side chain of p.F383 forms hydrophobic interactions with p.H170 and p.F316 to stabilize the β_{10} – β_{11} hairpin. Analogous to the *in silico* model for SARS p.D172N, the close proximity to the active site and the disturbance of the hydrophobic core next to the active site are assumed to cause the reduced aminoacylation activity of SARS p.F383V [XU *ET AL.*, 2012]. Together, these data suggest that p.D172N impairs SARS activity by indirect disturbance of the central core of the aminoacylation domain and thus, that p.D172 is indispensable for normal aminoacylation activity of SARS.

The highest amount of pyrophosphate released by the SARS wild-type enzyme was observed after 60 minutes of incubation, however, the amount of pyrophosphate was reduced down to 67 % at 90 minutes. This decrease in SARS wild-type serine-activation can be explained by several mechanisms. Firstly, AMP produced during the formation of seryl-adenylate could enter into the corresponding back-reaction followed by γ -phosphate transfer from ATP. It was shown by RAPAPORT and coworkers that this mechanism is an inherent part of the catalytic activities of ARSs and could prevent the buildup of enzyme-bound or free aminoacyl adenylates [RAPAPORT *ET AL.*, 1987]. Secondly, substrate inhibition might cause the decrease in aminoacylation activity because seryl-adenylate can remain bound to the SARS enzyme. During aminoacylation of *E. coli* alanyl-tRNA synthetase (AARS), the alanyl-adenylate product remains bound tightly to the enzyme and is only turned-over when tRNA^{Ala} is present in the reaction. In addition, pyrophosphate generated in the adenylation step substantially inhibits the initial rate of aminoacylation of tRNA^{Ala} in a dose dependent manner. The degree to which pyrophosphate inhibits a given reaction depends, inter alia, on the extent to which the reaction has progressed. However, the

mechanism of this inhibition still needs to be established [WOLFSON AND UHLENBECK, 2002].

6.1.6 SARS p.D172N probably leads to severely reduced amounts of serine-tRNA^{Ser} and serine-tRNA^{Sec} available for translation

It was shown in this study that SARS is well expressed in tissues relevant for memory and learning during fetal brain development and in the mature brain. What is more, the study provides evidence that the missense mutation c.514G > A [p.D172N] within SARS does not only lead to destabilization of the SARS protein but also impairs the aminoacylation activity of SARS p.D172N.

Both defects together probably lead to severely reduced amounts of charged tRNA^{Ser} and tRNA^{Sec} available for translation at the ribosome, which in turn could lead to a reduced translation rate, especially of those proteins that contain high amounts of serine or selenocysteine. The latter amino acid is an essential component of the 25 selenoproteins encoded in the human genome [LU AND HOLMGREN, 2009]. Selenoproteins are involved in protein folding, degradation of misfolded membrane proteins, and control of cellular calcium homeostasis [ANDERSEN, 2004]. Interestingly, deletion of selenoprotein P (*Sepp1*) in mice produces both neuronal and axonal degeneration as well as potentially reversible neurite changes in the developing brain [CAITO ET AL., 2011]. Neuron-specific ablation of selenoprotein expression causes a neurodevelopmental and -degenerative phenotype in mice, affecting the cerebral cortex and the hippocampus, particularly the parvalbumin (PV) -positive interneuron population [WIRTH ET AL., 2010]. Moreover, loss of PV neurons is associated with some neuropsychiatric disorders, e. g. autism spectrum disorders [SGADO ET AL., 2013].

Furthermore, SARS p.D172N probably slows down overall translation rates during cellular processes that depend on fast and reliable protein translation (e. g. in axonal growth cones (see above and reviewed by e. g. [JUNG AND HOLT, 2011; SWANGER AND BASSELL, 2011]) or synaptic processes involved in learning, memory processing and memory storage as reviewed by e. g. [GAL-BEN-ARI ET AL., 2012; BEKINSCHTEIN ET AL., 2010; COSTA-MATTIOLI ET AL., 2009]). Similar disease mechanisms have been proposed for mutations within *LARS*, underlying infantile hepatopathy [CASEY ET AL., 2012], and mutations within *KARS* that cause recessive intermediate Charcot-Marie-Tooth disease (CMT) type B (CMTRIB) (MIM #613641) [MCLAUGHLIN ET AL., 2010]. Analogous to the homozygous missense mutation in SARS, a homozygous missense change in *LARS* is suggested to cause inefficient aminoacylation of tRNA^{Leu} and to result in reduced rate of protein synthesis in the liver. This impaired translation may in turn affect specifically synthesis of proteins with a high leucine content [CASEY ET AL., 2012]. In the case of *KARS*, compound heterozygosity for a missense mutation that severely reduces *KARS* aminoacylation activity and a 2-bp insertion resulting in a null allele have been identified. Interestingly, the CMTRIB phenotype does not only comprise peripheral neuropathy but also self-abusive behavior and developmental delay [MCLAUGHLIN ET AL., 2010].

SARS seems to belong to the many ubiquitously expressed genes associated with ID with indispensable cellular functions, such as DNA transcription and translation, protein degradation and

mRNA splicing. Concordant with the mode of inheritance and phenotype observed in family M289, most of these defects are associated with NS-ARID. Why clinical consequences of mutations in essential genes are restricted to the brain is still unclear. However, synapses might be particularly vulnerable to imbalances in the cell- or energy metabolism [NAJMABADI *ET AL.*, 2011]. As reviewed by [VALNEGRI *ET AL.*, 2012] more than 50 % of ID-related proteins are enriched in synaptic compartments and may be involved in synaptic plasticity, synapse formation and cytoskeleton rearrangement [see also ROPERS AND HAMEL, 2005]. The hypothesis that some features of ID are caused by alterations in synaptic functions is underscored by histological data, which further show a correlation between the severity of ID and the severity of dendritic spine malformations [VALNEGRI *ET AL.*, 2012]. Furthermore, higher brain functions have a complex molecular basis and specifically the cognitive abilities of humans represent have only recently evolved [HU *ET AL.*, 2011].

SARS is the first ARSs gene to be associated with ARID. In the course of our systematic clinical studies and autozygosity mapping in large consanguineous Iranian families with ARID, we have recently identified mutations within a mitochondrial ARSs gene segregating with SID in one family (data not shown). This finding underscores the relevance of SARS for the cognitive phenotype observed in family M289. However, further in depth functional investigations *in vitro* and *in vivo* are needed to shed more light on the precise role of SARS during brain development and in differentiated neuronal tissues.

6.2 Discussion – Family M8600485

ID is not a single condition, but the phenotypic hallmark of a collection of syndromic and non-syndromic disorders. The majority of ID cases still remains unexplained [RAUCH *ET AL.*, 2006]. Even if an affected individual presents with a syndromic phenotype, giving a definite diagnosis is all but impossible, since overlapping clinical presentations could be caused by different genetic loci.

The affected individuals of family M8600485 presented with a complex phenotype encompassing developmental delay as well as speech delay, severe ID, tonic-clonic seizures, and hypotonia during the neonatal period. In order to identify the underlying genetic defect, genotyping (SNP analysis) and linkage analysis were carried out and a linkage interval on chromosome 6 was identified, containing more than 280 genes. Interestingly this interval contained *ALDH5A1*, defects in which, are known to be associated with congenital SSADH deficiency.

SSADH deficiency is a rare autosomal recessive disorder and parental consanguinity is observed in approximately 40 % of the cases [PEARL *ET AL.*, 2003]. The SSADH deficient patient database maintained by the Department of Neurology at Children's Medical Center in Washington DC is based on systematic questionnaire data of 60 patients. These data suggest that developmental delay as well as ID are global findings in affected individuals (100 %), and that hypotonia (82 %), ataxia (77 %) as well as tonic-clonic seizures (53 %) are common clinical symptoms [PEARL *ET AL.*, 2009, 2011]. All of these features, except for ataxia, are present in the affected individuals in our study and are consistent with the typical characteristics of human SSADH deficiency. Therefore, in this study, the coding region of *ALDH5A1* was sequenced, which led to the identification of a previously undescribed missense change (c.901A > G, leading to SSADH p.K301E). Furthermore, I could show that this mutation leads to undetectable levels of SSADH activity.

6.2.1 Influence of defective SSADH on GABA metabolism

In affected individuals, the degradation pathway of GABA (gamma-aminobutyric acid), the major inhibitory neurotransmitter of the brain, is disrupted (Figure 6.1). In SSADH deficiency oxidation of SSA to succinate is reduced or abolished and succinic semialdehyde reductase (aflatoxin B1 aldehyde reductase member 2, AKR7A2) uses SSA as a substrate to produce gamma-hydroxybutyric acid (GHB) [MAITRE, 1997; KELLY *ET AL.*, 2002; GIBSON *ET AL.*, 2003; GROPMAN, 2003]. The neurotransmitter GHB is a short fatty acid that occurs naturally in the mammalian brain and is normally found at a level < 1 % of GABA [DOHERTY *ET AL.*, 1978]. GHB has effects on multiple neurotransmitter systems, such as dopamine, serotonin, acetylcholine and GABA [GIBSON *ET AL.*, 2003]. Exogenously given GHB crosses the blood-brain barrier and leads to unusual behaviour as well as abnormal electrophysiological and biochemical dose dependent effects [SNEAD, 2000; SNEAD AND GIBSON, 2005; WONG *ET AL.*, 2004a,b]. These effects can comprise short-term amnesia and memory loss (low dosage), seizures and sleep induction (moderate dosage), stupor, coma, and potentially respiratory arrest at very high dosages [SNEAD AND GIBSON, 2005].

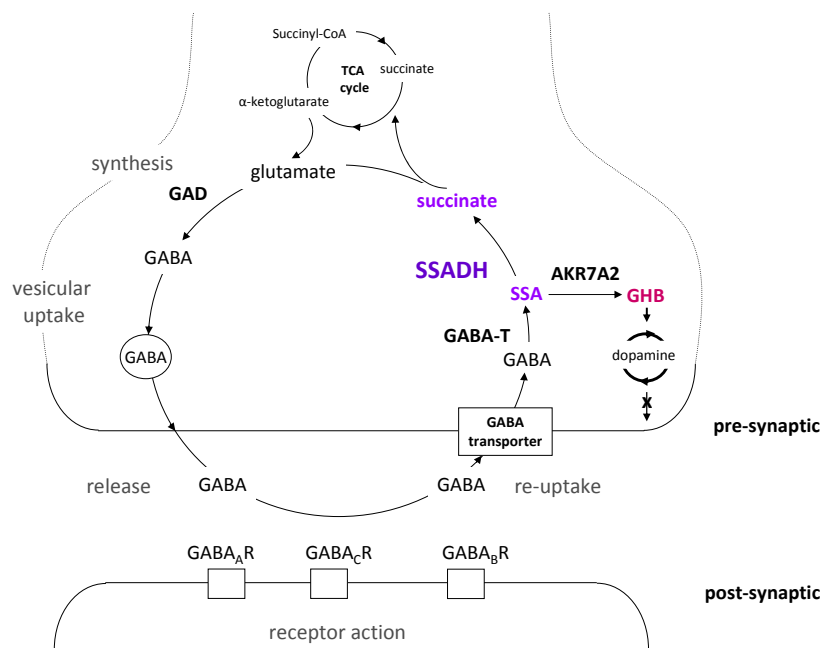


FIGURE 6.1: GABA metabolism at the synapse. The tricarboxylic acid (TCA) cycle is one source of glutamate. Glutamate is decarboxylated by glutamic decarboxylase (GAD) to GABA. GABA is packaged into vesicles and released into the synaptic cleft, where it can bind to GABA receptors. GABA is removed from the synaptic cleft by GABA transporters (GAT) and is subsequently converted to SSA by GABA-transaminase (GABA-T). SSA is normally oxidized to succinate, which in turn enters the TCA cycle. In SSADH deficiency, SSA accumulates and can be converted to GHB by aldo-keto reductase 7A2 (AKR7A2). At increased levels, GHB inhibits presynaptic release of dopamine and enhances dopamine turnover. Illustration according to [KIM *ET AL.*, 2011].

In SSADH deficiency, GHB is massively over-produced and accumulates in blood, urine or cerebrospinal fluid (CSF). In the CSF of affected individuals levels of GHB and GABA are elevated (65- to 230-fold and up to 3-fold, respectively), and levels of glutamine are decreased [GIBSON *ET AL.*, 2003]. Concordant with these findings, SSADH deficient mice (*Aldh5a1*^{-/-}) show a 60-fold increase of GHB and a 2-fold increase of GABA levels, as well as decreased glutamine levels in the brain [JANSEN *ET AL.*, 2008; HOGEMA *ET AL.*, 2001]. In physiological concentrations, GHB only binds at the GHB receptor [SNEAD, 2000; WU *ET AL.*, 2004], however, in high concentrations, such as those observed in the brains of patients with SSADH deficiency, GHB also binds to GABA_B receptors [GERVASI *ET AL.*, 2003; BUZZI *ET AL.*, 2006]. GABA_B receptors located in the postsynaptic neuron are associated with receptor G-protein-coupled inwardly rectifying potassium channels (GIRKs). High levels of GHB and (and GABA) thus lead to a decrease in GIRK channel function, which is believed to be the underlying cause for seizures in human and murine SSADH deficiency [VARDYA *ET AL.*, 2010].

6.2.2 p.K301E prevents NAD⁺-binding and abolishes SSADH activity

In SSADH deficiency the activity of SSADH is reduced or nearly abolished. To investigate whether the p.K301E substitution has an impact on SSADH function, I studied SSADH enzyme activity in the lymphoblastoid cell line of one affected individual and six unaffected controls. I could show that SSADH activity is completely abolished in the affected individuals of M8600485. In controls, SSADH activity increased with elevated amounts of NAD⁺ in the range from 0–0.1 mM NAD⁺. Higher NAD⁺ concentrations led to a decrease of SSADH activity, however, during oxidation of SSA to succinate, NAD⁺ is reduced to NADH, which is known to exhibit an inhibitory effect for several mammalian SSADHs [DUNCAN AND TIPTON, 1971; BLANER AND CHURCHICH, 1979; RIVETT AND TIPTON, 1981; KANG *ET AL.*, 2005]. This might explain the inhibition of SSADH activity I observed in the cell lysates from the healthy control individuals at NAD⁺ levels > 0.1 mM. What is more, in a cellular context, inhibition of SSADH by NADH leads to accumulation of SSA, which in turn leads to further inhibition of SSADH [KAMMERAAT AND VELDSTRA, 1968; BLANER AND CHURCHICH, 1979].

To understand the molecular mechanism underlying this severe reduction in SSADH activity, structure based *in silico* modeling was employed. The lysine affected by the p.K301E mutation in family 8600485 is located in close spatial proximity to p.Q306 and p.C340, which together constitute the active site environment. Under oxidized conditions SSADH is inactive, a disulfide bond is formed between the catalytic residues p.C340 and p.C342 and a catalytic loop including residues 334–344 blocks the binding sites for SSA as well as for NAD⁺ [KIM *ET AL.*, 2009]. *In silico* analysis provided evidence that p.K301 is part of the protein core and involved in binding of NAD⁺. According to these findings, the p.K301E substitution could lead to a severe destabilization of SSADH and prevent binding of NAD⁺ to the enzyme. Thus, in the affected individuals of M8600485 SSADH is unable to catalyze the oxidation of SSA to succinate.

This finding is in good agreement with the results of AKABOSHI *ET AL.* who assayed the ac-

tivity of 27 disease causing missense mutations observed in affected individuals. Five missense mutations (p.G176R, p.G268E, p.N335K, p.G409D and p.G533R) showed a nearly abolished enzyme activity ($< 1-1\%$) [AKABOSHI *ET AL.*, 2003]. While three of these mutations probably affect protein stability (p.G409D) or stability and oligomerization (p.G176R and p.G533R), p.G286E and p.N335K affect the catalytic function of SSADH. The residue p.N335 is located on the "dynamic catalytic loop" and probably leads to a severe distortion of the active site environment or reduced dynamics of the "catalytic loop" or both [KIM *ET AL.*, 2009]. However, only p.G268 is involved in binding of NAD^+ , being one of the residues creating the binding pocket for the adenine base of NAD^+ . Thus p.G268E might lead to a loss of NAD^+ binding ability and consequently to a loss of SSADH activity [KIM *ET AL.*, 2009].

In summary, this study identified a novel homozygous missense mutation in *ALDH5A1* that is associated with SSADH deficiency and severe ID. The mutation is located near the active site and is thus only the second mutation identified to date that might not necessarily cause a loss of SSADH activity solely through protein misfolding and subsequent degradation, but rather affect SSADH activity through an impairment of NAD^+ binding.

6.2.3 Therapeutic options

To date, treatment of SSADH deficiency is generally symptomatic and targeted (therapeutic concepts in human and murine SSADH deficiency have been reviewed e. g. by [KNERR *ET AL.*, 2007; KIM *ET AL.*, 2011; VOGEL *ET AL.*, 2012]). Typically, antiepileptics are chosen to relief generalized epilepsy, like in family M8600485, where seizures were successfully treated with the anticonvulsant carbamazepine. The most widely used drug in SSADH deficiency is vigabatrin, an irreversible inhibitor of GABA-transaminase. Vigabatrin is generally used for the treatment of infantile spasms and increases GABA levels in the brain. In the case of SSADH deficiency, the physiological role of vigabatrin is to decrease the production of SSA, and as a consequence decrease the amount of GHB [GROPMAN, 2003]. In SSADH deficient mice, vigabatrin significantly increased the lifespan [HOGEMA *ET AL.*, 2001]. However, vigabatrin treatment does not show beneficial results in all SSADH deficiency patients as lack of positive effects and even worsening of symptoms have been reported [PEARL *ET AL.*, 2009].

The most promising drug today is SGS-742, a GABA analog that acts as an antagonist of the GABA_B receptor and could therefore block supraphysiological GABA levels [FARLOW, 2009]. In *Aldh5a1*^(-/-) mice, treatment with a progenitor of SGS-742 significantly extended the animals' lifespan [HOGEMA *ET AL.*, 2001; GUPTA *ET AL.*, 2002]. Most important, SGS-742 showed positive effects in a Phase II double-blind, placebo-controlled clinical trial in patients with mild cognitive impairment [FROESTL *ET AL.*, 2004]. Furthermore, it was shown that SGS-742 significantly improves the spike-wave duration in a dose dependent manner and also controls absence seizures [PEARL *ET AL.*, 2009] and future plans are to test the application of SGS-742 in affected individuals with SSADH deficiency [KIM *ET AL.*, 2011].

6.3 The future of molecular genetic diagnosis and counseling: comprehensive entry tests

In the diagnosis of genetic disease during the past decades, Sanger sequencing has been regarded as the gold standard for the identification of mutations because it has high accuracy, sensitivity and specificity. The classical strategy for identifying recessive disorders included linkage analysis followed by either systematically sequencing the genes located within the linkage interval (as e. g. for family M289) or applying a candidate gene approach (as e. g. for family 8600485). However, these strategies are costly and time-consuming, and thus not scalable or cost-effective for testing large panels of families/patients [MAJEWSKI *ET AL.*, 2011].

Next generation sequencing (NGS) coupled with bioinformatic processing has become a powerful tool for identifying the underlying gene defects in known and new genes for disorders with genetic heterogeneity (as e. g. ID). Several studies have been published in recent years demonstrating the efficiency of the NGS approach in elucidating the molecular defects of several disorders, including ID, see e. g. [RAUCH *ET AL.*, 2012; DE LIGT *ET AL.*, 2012; NAJMABADI *ET AL.*, 2011; HU *ET AL.*, 2009]. Targeted NGS is now emerging as the ideal technology for clinical diagnosis. Enrichment targets vary from the exome (whole exome sequencing; WES) to mutation-harboring regions of genes relevant to specific clinical presentations. Recently, a comprehensive test for carrier screening and molecular diagnostic testing was designed, which allows the simultaneous screening of 595 genes implicated in recessive diseases [KINGSMORE, 2012]. The test includes also a number of genes associated with an ID phenotype, such as e. g. *ALDH5A1* or *ARX* and *SLC6A8*⁴. This test is suggested to increase the rate of successful molecular diagnosis drastically, which will be extremely beneficial for the affected individuals, since to date less than 50 % of patients undergoing serial molecular diagnostic testing receive a definitive diagnosis [KINGSMORE, 2012]. Furthermore, such tests will significantly shorten the time required to establish the diagnosis [ROPERS, 2012]. Also comprehensive newborn screening for treatable or preventable Mendelian diseases is now being discussed, as it does not only allow early diagnosis but also open up the opportunity for treatment to start even while affected neonates are still asymptomatic for disorders with a later onset (see also e. g. [SAUNDERS *ET AL.*, 2012]). Timely treatment can also often diminish the clinical severity of conditions and could provide a framework for centralized assessment of investigational new treatments before organ failure [BELL *ET AL.*, 2011].

Comprehensive entry tests of affected individuals, newborns, couples from risk background⁵ or undergoing *in vitro* fertilization are expected to have several beneficial effects: (i) prevention of death and diminished disease severity. (ii) improved quality of life. (iii) narrow the differential diagnosis. (iv) genetic counseling about risks for relatives and in additional offspring. (v) psychosocial benefits. (vi) improved variant database, and (vii) increased understanding of the

⁴(see also subsection 1.1.1)

⁵Populations with a high risk background for recessive disorders include e. g. Arab populations, Amish populations or Ashkenazi Jewish populations. In the latter, for example, preconception testing dramatically reduced the incidence of Tay-Sachs disease (TSD; MIM #272800) [KINGSMORE, 2012]

disease mechanism; for a detailed review see [KINGSMORE *ET AL.*, 2011; KINGSMORE, 2012].

However, a number of patients may still be left without a definitive diagnosis, as the disease causing mutations might not be in the genes targeted by these tests. Most tests are generally confined to the exonic regions of the relevant genes. Therefore, they will miss a proportion of the disease-causing sequence variants. This challenge can be approached by WES and even in a global setting by whole genome sequencing (WGS), which has the potential to detect almost all genetic variants in the human genome [ROPERS, 2012; LUPSKI *ET AL.*, 2010; SOBREIRA *ET AL.*, 2010]. For example, recently, using a combination of WES and WGS, heterozygous, *de novo* truncating mutations in *ASXL3* were identified as the underlying gene defect in four unrelated patients with a previously undiagnosed Bohring-Opitz-like syndrome [BAINBRIDGE *ET AL.*, 2013]. Thus, a most plausible scenario for future molecular genetic diagnosis and counseling will eventually be comprehensive entry tests based on WGS [ROPERS, 2012].

7 Summary

Intellectual disability (ID) is the hallmark of an extremely heterogeneous group of disorders that comprises a wide variety of syndromic and non-syndromic phenotypes. I report here on two consanguineous Iranian families with members that are affected by autosomal recessive ID and were recruited during a collaborative project between the Max Planck Institute for Molecular Genetics, Berlin, Germany (Prof. H. H. Ropers) and the Genetics Research Center (GRC) at the University of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation Sciences, Tehran, Iran (Prof. H. Najmabadi). Using homozygosity mapping and Sanger sequencing, the most likely gene defects underlying ARID were identified for both families. Subsequently, functional studies were performed to elucidate the genotype-phenotype correlation in both disorders.

The affected individuals of family M289 present with moderate ID and borderline microcephaly without any other co-morbidities. The only sequence alteration I identified in this family is a mutation (c.514G > A [p.D172N]) in the *SARS* gene, which encodes the cytoplasmic seryl-tRNA synthetase SARS that is responsible for charging tRNA^{Ser} and tRNA^{Sec} with serine (aminoacylation). *In silico* modeling of SARS revealed that p.D172 is located in proximity to the active site and provides a negative charge, which is lost upon mutation. To understand whether the aminoacylation reaction is affected, the capability of serine activation of SARS wild-type (WT) and mutant proteins was studied in a pyrophosphate (PP_i) release assay. After 60 minutes, SARS p.D172N showed significantly less PP_i release as compared to the WT enzyme and even after 90 minutes the mutant enzyme produced still 51 % less PP_i than the WT at 60 minutes. Moreover, concordant with *in silico* predictions, expression studies comparing WT and mutant SARS in mammalian cells provided evidence that SARS p.D172N is unstable.

Reduced aminoacylation and instability of SARS may lead to severely reduced amounts of cognate serine-tRNAs in the cytoplasm, which in turn may cause decreased translation rates. This could have unfavourable consequences for cellular processes that depend on fast and reliable protein translation such as neurite outgrowth or synaptic processes involved in learning and memory. However, further in depth functional investigations are needed to shed more light on the precise role of this protein during brain development and in fully differentiated neuronal tissues.

In family M8600485 affected individuals presented with a profound syndromic phenotype including ID, hypotonia and tonic-clonic seizures. In the already available genome wide linkage data from this family, I found *ALDH5A1* to be present within the sole linkage interval with significant LOD-Score on chromosome six. As the patient phenotype was strongly overlapping with

the features commonly observed in individuals affected with congenital succinic semialdehyde dehydrogenase (SSADH) deficiency, which is caused by mutations in *ALDH5A1*, I sequenced this gene in the index patient of M8600485. This revealed a novel missense mutation c.901A > G [p.K301E] within *ALDH5A1* cosegregating with the SSADH deficiency phenotype.

In silico protein modeling showed that p.K301E leads to a putative loss of NAD⁺ binding. Concordant with this prediction, no SSADH enzyme activity could be detected in patient lymphoblasts at various NAD⁺ concentrations. The mutation p.K301E is located near the active site and is only the second mutation identified to date that might affect SSADH activity through an impairment of NAD⁺ binding.

Thus, the gene defects underlying the respective ARID phenotypes could be identified for both families. This conclusion was further corroborated by the *in silico* analyses and *in vitro* experiments also carried out in this study, which provided additional evidence as to the functional impact of the mutations on important cellular processes.

8 Zusammenfassung

Besonders autosomal-rezessive mentale Retardierung (ARMR) ist durch ausgeprägte Heterogenität gekennzeichnet und umfasst eine große Vielfalt von syndromalen und nicht-syndromalen Formen. Im Zuge eines übergreifenden Kooperationsprojekts zwischen dem Max-Planck-Institut für Molekulare Genetik, Berlin (Prof. H. H. Ropers) und dem Genetics Research Center (GRC) der University of Social Welfare and Rehabilitation Sciences, Tehran, Iran (Prof. H. Najmabadi) zur Identifizierung der genetischen Ursachen von ARMR, wurden im Rahmen dieser Arbeit zwei iranische, konsanguine Familien mit mental retardierten Mitgliedern untersucht. Mittels Autozygotie-Kartierung und anschließender Sanger-Sequenzierung wurden die höchstwahrscheinlich ursächlichen Gendefekte identifiziert. Beide Gendefekte kosegregierten mit dem Phänotyp und wurden nicht in Kontrollen gefunden.

Die Patienten der Familie M289 weisen eine mittelschwere Form mentaler Retardierung auf und haben neben grenzwertiger Mikrozephalie keine weiteren Begleitsymptome. Als einzige Mutation mit krankheitsauslösendem Potential wurde die c.514G > A [p.D172N] Sequenzvariante in SARS identifiziert. SARS kodiert die cytoplasmatische Seryl-tRNA-Synthetase, deren Funktion die Beladung von tRNA^{Ser} und tRNA^{Sec} mit Serin ist (tRNA-Aminoacylierung).

Anhand von *in silico*-Protein-Modellierung wurde gezeigt, dass p.D172 in der Nähe des aktiven Zentrums von SARS liegt und mit einer negativen Ladung wahrscheinlich zur Aufrechterhaltung einer hydrophoben Umgebung beiträgt. Diese Ladung geht durch die p.D172N-Substitution verloren. Um herauszufinden, ob die p.D172N-Mutation die enzymatische Funktion von SARS beeinträchtigt, wurde die Freisetzung von Pyrophosphat (PP_i) während des ersten Reaktionsschritts der tRNA-Aminoacylierung untersucht. Nach 60 Minuten wurde von SARS p.D172N hoch signifikant weniger PP_i freigesetzt als von dem SARS Wildtyp-Enzym (WT) und auch nach 90 Minuten betrug die freigesetzte PP_i-Menge 51 % weniger im Vergleich zur PP_i-WT-Menge nach 60 Minuten. Weiterhin wurde mittels Western Blot und Zellfraktionierung gezeigt, dass SARS p.D172N in menschlichen Zellen wahrscheinlich instabil ist.

Durch Instabilität und reduzierte Enzymaktivität des SARS-p.D172N-Proteins steht dem Translationsprozess wahrscheinlich eine reduzierte Serin-tRNA^{Ser/Sec}-Menge zur Verfügung. Dies könnte die Geschwindigkeit der Translation reduzieren und zu Defiziten bei Vorgängen führen, welche eine schnelle und zuverlässige Proteinsynthese benötigen (beispielsweise die Bildung synaptischer Verbindungen wie sie bei Lernprozessen im Gehirn stattfinden). Weiterführende funktionelle Experimente in Neuronen und im differenzierten neuronalen Gewebe können dazu beitragen die genaue Funktion von SARS im Rahmen kognitiver Prozesse aufzuklären.

Die Patienten der Familie M8600485 haben ein syndromales Krankheitsbild mit schwerer mentaler Retardierung, Entwicklungsverzögerung, verzögerter Sprachentwicklung und generalisierten tonisch-klonischen Anfällen. Anhand der bereits vorliegenden Ergebnissen der Autozygotie-Kartierung konnte ich in einem Kopplungsintervall mit signifikantem LOD-Score das Gen *ALDH5A1* identifizieren. Da das Krankheitsbild der Patienten typisch für Succinat-Semialdehyd-Dehydrogenase (SSADH)-Defizienz ist, welche durch Mutationen in *ALDH5A1* verursacht wird, wurde dieses Gen im Indexpatienten sequenziert. Hierbei wurde die bisher nicht bekannte Missense-Mutation c.901A > G [p.K301E] in *ALDH5A1* identifiziert. *In silico*-Protein-Modellierung dieser Mutation zeigte, dass p.K301E vermutlich zum Verlust der Fähigkeit NAD⁺ zu binden führt. Zusätzlich konnte berechnet werden, dass die Mutation eine deutliche Abnahme der freien Energie verursacht und damit zu einer starken Destabilisierung von SSADH führen kann. Übereinstimmend mit diesen Vorhersagen wurde der Verlust der SSADH-Enzymaktivität bei unterschiedlichen NAD⁺-Konzentrationen in Proteinextrakten aus Lymphoblasten eines Patienten aus Familie 8600485 nachgewiesen. Die Mutation p.K301E ist erst die zweite Missense-Mutation, welche die Bindung von NAD⁺ an SSADH beeinträchtigt und zu nicht nachweisbarer SSADH-Aktivität führt.

In dieser Arbeit konnten somit die für die mentale Retardierung ursächlichen Gendefekte in beiden Familien identifiziert werden. Des Weiteren wurden mittels *in silico*-Studien und durch *in vitro*-Experimente die molekularen Hintergründe untersucht und über die so erzielten Ergebnisse ein Zusammenhang mit den Krankheitsbildern und den zu Grunde liegenden molekularen Prozessen hergestellt.

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9 Appendix

9.1 Confocal immunofluorescence microscopy: endogenous SARS localizes to the cytoplasm

To investigate whether the detection of subcellular localization of SARS depends on the cell permeabilization technique, cells were permeabilized with methanol (see section re-permeabilization). Concordant with the findings for cells permeabilized with Triton[®] X-100, confocal microscopy revealed cytoplasmic localization of the endogenous SARS protein (Figure 9.1).

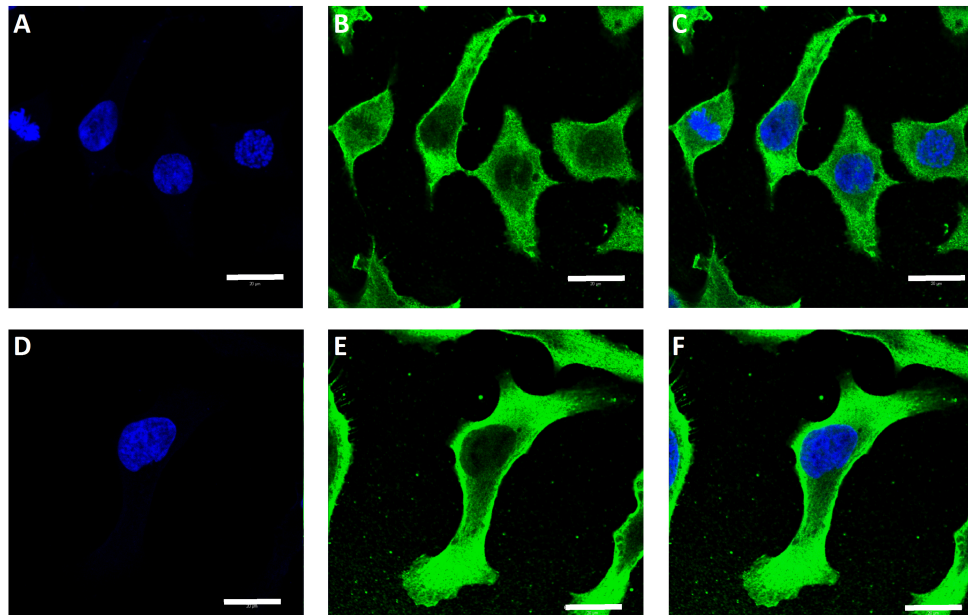


FIGURE 9.1: Confocal immunofluorescence microscopy showing the cytoplasmic localization of endogenous SARS in HEK293-T (A–C) and HeLa (D–F) cells. Cells were permeabilized with methanol. The green signal corresponds to SARS staining, whereas the blue corresponds to nuclear DAPI staining. Scale bars = 20 μm .

9.2 Confocal immunofluorescence microscopy: ectopic SARS p.T429A expression in mammalian cell lines

In the study of subcellular localization of ectopic SARS proteins, SARS p.T429A was used as a further control and was found to localize to the cytoplasm in all three cell lines (Figure 9.2).

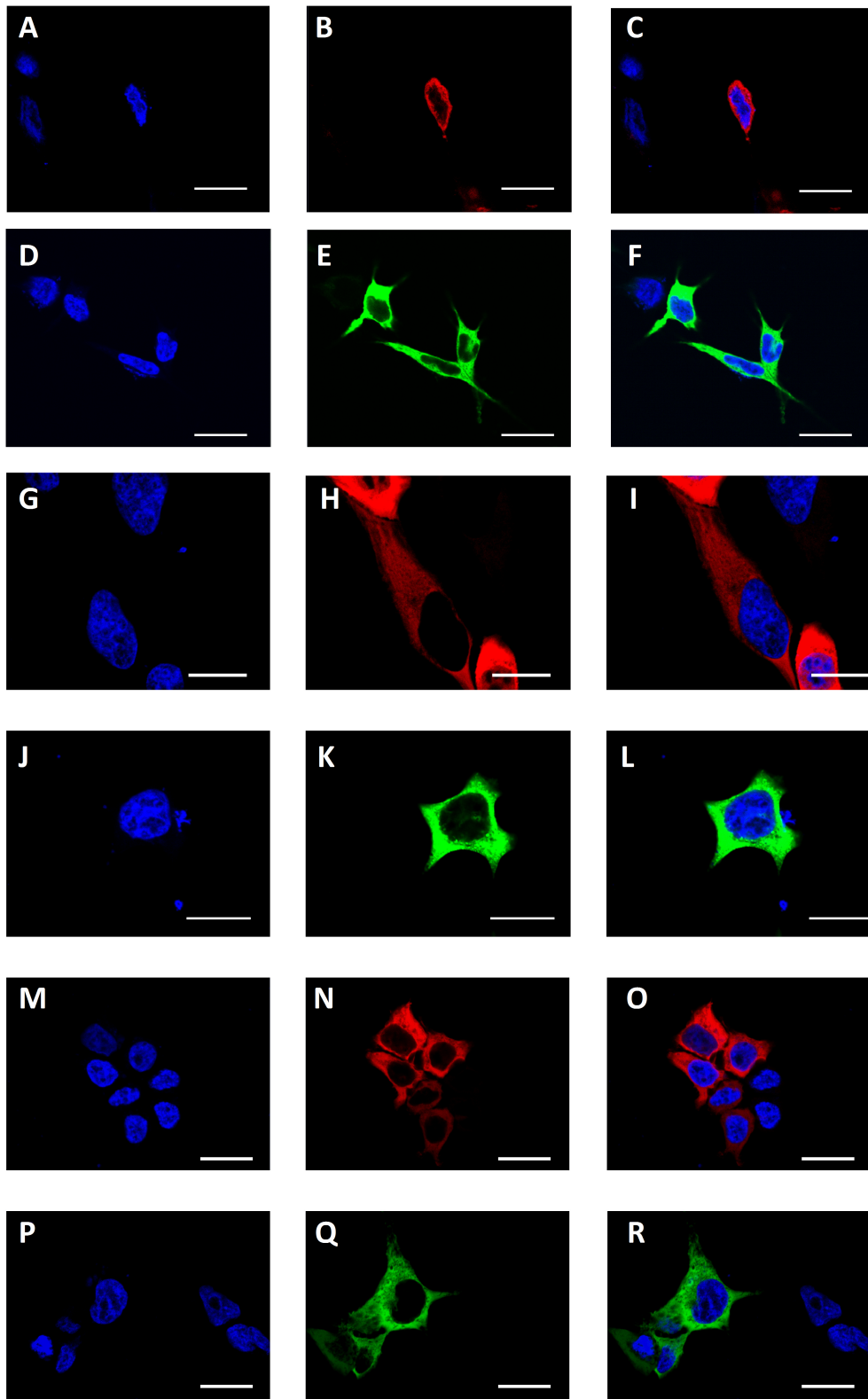


FIGURE 9.2: Confocal immunofluorescence microscopy showing the cytoplasmic localization of p.T429A SARS-mCherry and SARS-EYFP in (A–F) SH-SY5Y, (G–L) HeLa and (M–R) HEK293-T cells. Green: EYFP fluorescence; red: mCherry fluorescence; blue: DAPI. Scale bars = 20 μ m.

9.3 Confocal immunofluorescence microscopy: ectopic ZNF697 proteins localize to the nucleus

ZNF697 belongs to the C₂H₂ zinc finger superfamily. C₂H₂ zinc fingers induce interactions between DNA and proteins [MILLER *ET AL.*, 1985] and are involved in transcription, translation, metabolism, and signaling [GAMSJAEGER *ET AL.*, 2007; PABO *ET AL.*, 2001]. The exact function of ZNF697 is currently unknown. To date, predictions about localization of ZNF697 to the nucleus and its involvement in transcription regulation are solely inferred from electronic annotation (<http://www.ebi.ac.uk/QuickGO/GProtein?ac=Q5TEC3>). To gain insight into ZNF697 function, I transfected ZNF697-EYFP and ZNF697-mCherry wild-type and mutant (p.P158T) constructs into three different cell lines. The neuroblastoma cell line SH-SY5Y was chosen to study ZNF697 wild-type and mutant function in a neuronal system (Figure 9.3). As RT-PCR revealed that ZNF697 is well expressed in all cell lines tested, HeLa and HEK293-T cells were chosen as basic model system (Figures 9.4 and 9.5).

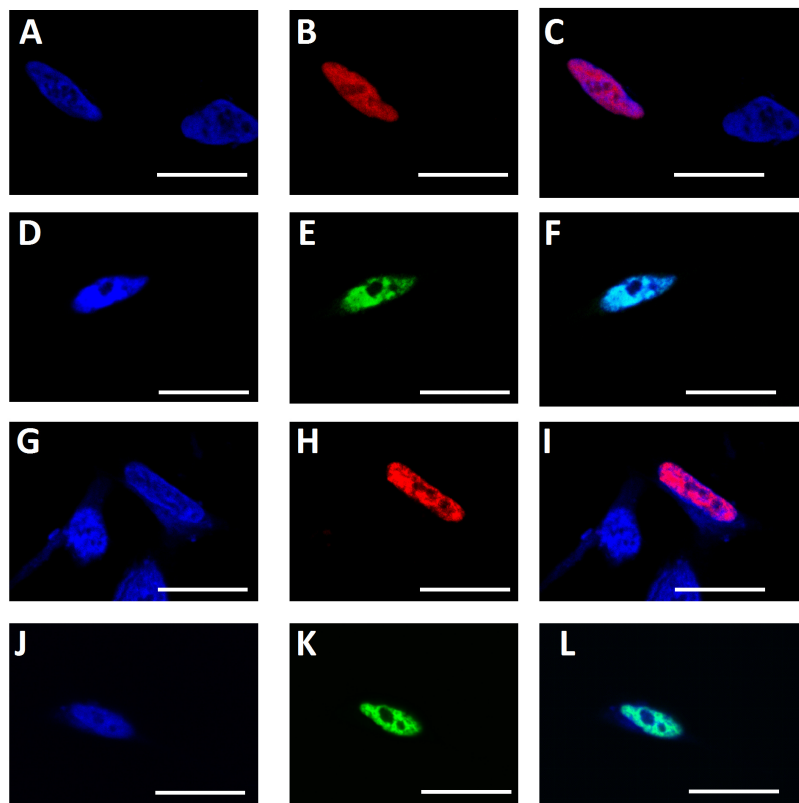


FIGURE 9.3: SH-SY5Y cell line: nuclear localization of EYFP-ZNF697 and ZNF697-mCherry (A–F) wild-type and (G–L) p.P158T. Green: EYFP fluorescence; red: mCherry fluorescence; blue: DAPI. Scale bars = 20 μ m.

The prediction about nuclear localization of ZNF697 could be confirmed in all cell types studied and neither tag interfered with the transport of ectopic ZNF697 to the nucleus.

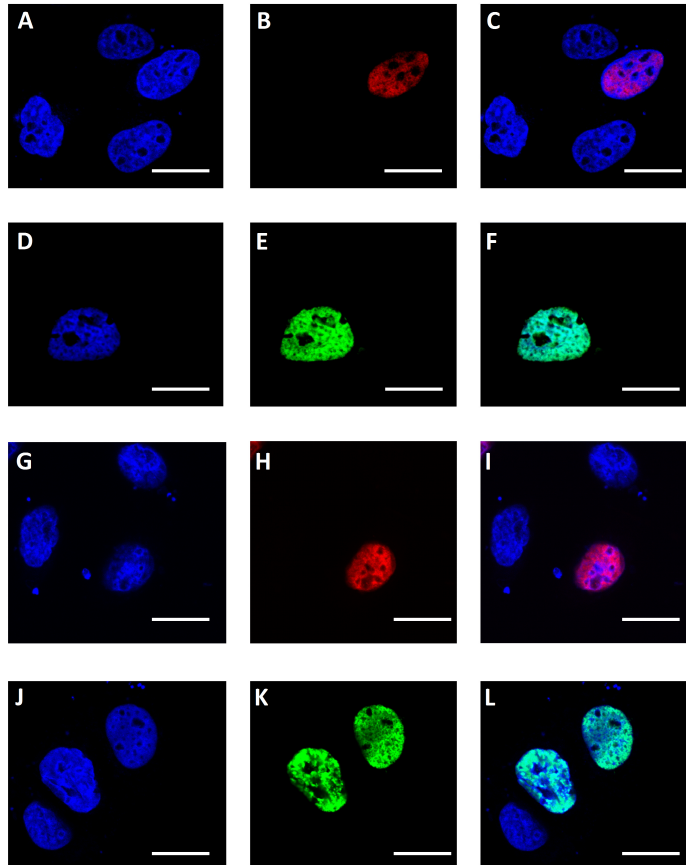


Figure 9.4: HeLa cell line: nuclear localization of EYFP-ZNF697 and ZNF697-mCherry (A-F) wild-type and (G-L) p.P158T. Green: EYFP fluorescence; red: mCherry fluorescence; blue: DAPI. Scale bars = 20 μm .

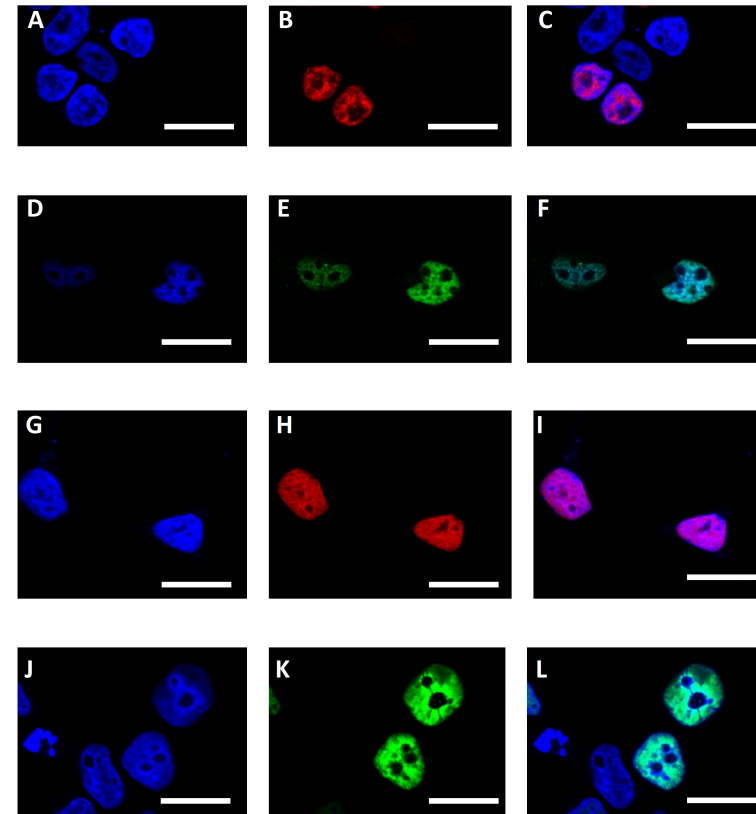


Figure 9.5: HEK293-T cell line: overexpression of EYFP-ZNF697 and ZNF697-mCherry (A-F) wild-type and (G-L) p.P158T. Green: EYFP fluorescence; red: mCherry fluorescence; blue: DAPI. Scale bars = 20 μm .

9.4 Cell fractionation: endogenous SARS localizes to the cytoplasm and the nucleus

To investigate whether endogenous and ectopic SARS localize to the cytoplasm, cellular fractionation analysis was performed with HEK293-T cells transfected with *EYFP-SARS* as well as with untransfected cells. Endogenous and ectopic SARS were present in the nuclear and cytosolic fraction (Figure 9.6) (see section 4.11).

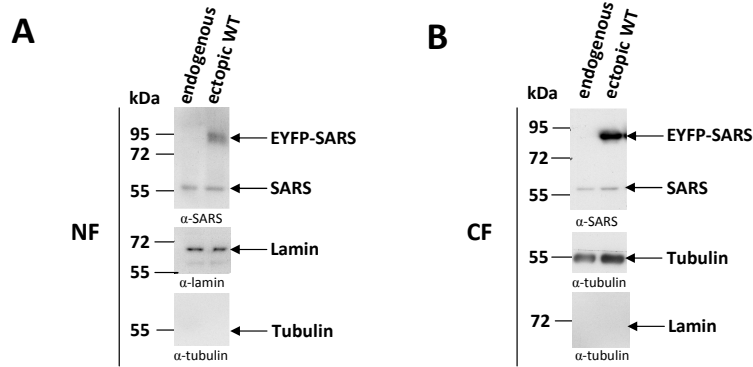


FIGURE 9.6: Expression of endogenous and ectopic SARS proteins. A) Nuclear (NF) and B) cytoplasmic (CF) fractions from HEK293-T cells either untransfected or transfected with wild-type EYFP-SARS were run on SDS-PAGE. The gel was blotted and probed with α -SARS antibody. The blot was subsequently probed with α -tubulin and α -lamin as loading controls for cytosolic and nuclear fractions, respectively.

9.5 Primers used to sequence the protein coding genes located in the linkage interval identified for family M28g

Name	Forward primer	Reverse primer	Name	Forward primer	Reverse primer
ADAM30_ex1.1	CCCCAGAAATCTGACTCGC	AGCCCATGTAGTTGCAGTCC	MAG13_ex1.1	GTCCAAGGGCGCTCTCG	AACACCCCGAGACAGATACG
ADAM30_ex1.2	TGTTGCCCGACATCTG	TTGTTCCACAACTTACTACTTTG	MAG13_ex1.2	CAGGAGTGCCTGGTCTC	AAGATTACCCGGGACAATACG
ADAM30_ex1.3	ATAGAATGGCAGATGGCCC	GAGAACACACTTTTCCAACAGC	MAG13_ex2	CCTGTTATAGCTAACTGGTTTAAGAG	TCTGTTCACCACTTAGTCTTAC
ADAM30_ex1.4	CCAGAGTTAGCTGAAGTTTTAGGC	AACACCGATCTTCTGACACTC	MAG13_ex3	GCAGGGGAATGAAACATCTC	TTTACTGTGCAAAATCCCTCTG
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ADORA3-iso1_ex6	TTCTACTGATGGGCTTTGCG	CTGGCTGCAATGATTGTTG	MAG13_ex13	GTATCCATGGCATCTGTCAGG	CATTCTAAACTGTAAGGAAAGACAATC
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ADORA3-iso2_ex2.2	TGTGCGCCATCTATCTGAC	CCCACCTCAGTGGAAAGTAATC	MAG13_ex15	TGCTTTGATCTGCCCAC	TCTGAAAGATGGGAAGTCC
ADORA3-iso3_ex2	CAGATTAGAATTCCTGGGC	TGCAAAGTCTCTGAAAGGC	MAG13_ex16	TGTGTGTGTTACACTCTGTGC	CACCACAATAACTGAGGACTATG
ADORA3-iso3_ex5	CCAGAGCTGAGAATCAATAGGC	TTGAAATCTGCTCTTGGACC	MAG13_ex17	TCTGTTGTTTGCACAATGC	AACCTGCAAACTACACAGGAAG
AHCYL1_ex1	AGAAGCCGACGCGACTC	GTCCCAAACTAGCCAGAGCC	MAG13_ex18	CTCACATGTGGGGCTGC	GGGAGCCTCAGAAAACCTGG
AHCYL1_ex2	TGGCTTTTAGGGAAGACAATG	CACTGGTAGCAACAGGGAAG	MAG13_ex19	TGAAAATAGTCCGTTTGGATG	ATATCCCGCAGTGAATCTG
AHCYL1_ex3	TTGGGAGCTGCACTCTGATG	CCAGTACACTTCAAGTCAAGC	MAG13_ex20	ATCCGCTTGGCCTTCAAC	TGGGTTATGAAACAGCAGAG
				GGAAAATGGCAAGGTCGAG	AATGCCAGTGGTATGGCAAC
				TTTCTCAAATGTAAGTAAACAGTCC	TAGGAGTCTCTGCAATCCC

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AHCL1_ex4	GGGGCAGGAAGTATGATAC	GGCGAGTTAGGAAAGGAAAAG	MAGI3_ex21	ATGGCAGTACTGGGTACACG	TTTCTAGTTCTAGCAATTCACC
AHCL1_ex5	TTCTGGGTGGCCCTTC	TCCACTTTCTCTGTGGAG	MAGI3_ex22	CCGCTTTTGAGGGATAAGTG	TGTCAAATTAATGTCAAAAGAAAGAC
AHCL1_ex6	AGTGAATTTGGTACAGGACTCC	TAGGGAACCATGCTTTGAGG			
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AHCL1_ex9	TTGTGAAGAGGGACTGAGTTTG	CAGCACAGCCCTCTTTACC	MAN1A2_ex3	GGAAAGTGGGCAAGGATATAG	AACTAATCGTACTGACACTTGC
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AHCL1_ex11	ACCATCTTCCCTCCACTG	CCTCCTTTGTATGAAAGTCACTC	MAN1A2_ex5	TTTTCCACAGGGTGTTTGTG	ATTAATTCACCAACTCCCC
AHCL1_ex12-13	CAGCCAGTACCTTTGTGGCC	TTTGTTCCTCCCTCC	MAN1A2_ex6	TCTCTGATTGCCAAATGCTG	GACAATTAACCTGTTTCAAAGGAC
AHCL1_ex14	GCTTTGGCTTACTGTATGC	ACTGGAAGTACTACGCC	MAN1A2_ex7	CGAATGTTTTGCTTTTCCC	TTGGCCAATCTTAAAGGAC
AHCL1_ex15	CTGTGACTGTGGTAGACTGAG	AGCACAGGAAACAGGAATGG	MAN1A2_ex8	AGCTACATTAAACCAAGCC	CAACATCAAGCAAGAGTTTTCAG
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AHCL1_ex17	AATAAGGGAGACTGGTCCC	GTGTGCTGTGAGAACTGG	MAN1A2_ex10	GGTTTATAATGGCAGAAGG	GTCTCTGCTCTTCCCAAAG
			MAN1A2_ex11	CCTTGCACAAACAATAAAGG	ACATGGGTAGGGATATGGG
ALX3-1-FW	GGATGTTCCAGCATTAAGTCAGAG	AGGGGCAAAAAGTTGAGAAATAGGC	MAN1A2_ex12	TTGCTCTCAAAGTTTGTGTG	GATCACACAGAAAACAGTC
ALX3_ex2	CCATTCCAACCCACAAGG	AGCCCTTCCAGTACTTTC	MAN1A2_ex13	TGGTTTTCTGTGCCATTAAGG	CATGTTGACATAGAGGTCAGG
ALX3_ex3	TAGCAGGCTCTTCTCCAG	TTACAGCCAGACCTCAATTC			
ALX3_ex4	ACAAGAGAAAGCCCTGG	GGAGCGACTGGGAATGG			
			Mov10_ex2	GGATCAGGGGTGAGGTTAGG	CAGAAGTGGGGGCTCC
			Mov10_ex3	GATGCCCTTCCACCC	CCCTTCCCTCACCCCTG
			Mov10_ex4	CAGGGTAACTCCCAAGTACG	GTTTCCCAAGCAATAAGCAC
AMIGO1_ex2.1	CCCACCGAACATGCC	TGTAGAGCAGCAGCACCTC	Mov10_ex5	GGGATAAGGATATGGGTGGG	CGTCTGTGCTCTTCCCAAAG
AMIGO1_ex2.2	TCTCTCTGAGCCCTTTCC	GACATTGTGCAGCTTCTGG	Mov10_ex6	CCAGAGGGGCGTTCCTAG	GCAATGCAAAAGGACAGTAG
AMIGO1_ex2.3	CCCTGAAGCTGAGACTGTGAG	GGACCAGGACCACTAAGG	Mov10_ex7	ATAGGGGTTGTCTGGCC	GGAATAGTTCTGCCACAGC
AMIGO1_ex2.4	GGACGGTGGTGTATACCTG	CTCATATCTTCAGGGGTGC	Mov10_ex8	AAGGTCTGGGGAACCTGG	CTCCCTGGGTCAGAAAG
			Mov10_ex9	AGTCTGGCCCTTATTGCC	AGGCCTCCTGACTCCAC
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AMPD1_ex7	AATGATAAAGGTCTGTATGTTTTG	AAATCCACTGAACCTGTAGAAATC	Mov10_ex17	AGCTCCTGGCCTCTG	CTGGAAGTGGGCAAGTGG
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			MYBPHL_ex7	GACTTATGGTCTTACCCTCGC	TGCTTCCCTGACTTCTCAC
			MYBPHL_ex8	CTCCCAAGAACCTGAATAG	TCCCTGACTCAACAACATAG
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AMPD2_ex3	AGGTACCCCTGGTCTCGC	AGAAAAGGGGCTCTGAAAGG			
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AP4B1_ex3	TCCCTCCATTGTAAGTTGGG	TTTTCCCAAGTATTAAGGAGC	NOTCH2_ex2	GCTGGAGATACTAAAACACAGAGAAA	AGCCAAATATCTGGCATCC
AP4B1_ex4	TCTGTTAGGTGAACAGGGGC	TTTCTACCAAGCCACACAATC	NOTCH2_ex3	GCTGTACACCATCCCAACC	ATGGGGTCTTGTGCTGTTTC
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AP4B1_ex6.2	CAAACTGATGCTCTGTGGC	ACCACGTTTTCTGTCTGGC	NOTCH2_ex6	GGCTGGTATGGTACTAGTCTTTG	GAAGGCAGAGTCTGAATGC
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AP4B1_ex8	AAGATCTGCTACTCTGGAG	GCAGGGTTTCAAGCAATCTC	NOTCH2_ex8	CTGGCCCTGATGCTATAACC	GAATGCTCTCAAGAGAAGTTCAG
AP4B1_ex9	AAAAGCAAAACCACTGGCTG	GACGTGACTCACCAACAATG	NOTCH2_ex9	TGCAATTTGTGCTTCTTG	GTGTCAGTGGCTTGTGGC
AP4B1_ex10	TGGCACAAGAGTAGGAGGAAAG	TTCCACCAATCATTGAAAAGG	NOTCH2_ex10	TGACCAATGGTATAAGCC	GGAGTGGACTGGCTGGC
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			NOTCH2_ex13	GCTCGAGCAGATGAAGGATG	CCCAATTTGCAACTCTCAGG
ATP1P1_ex1	CACCTGGCTCCCTGGTC	CTCCGACTTCTCTCTCTC	NOTCH2_ex14	CCCAATTTCTCAACAAGTC	GGAAAATAAGAGTGAAGTCAAGCAG
ATP1P1_ex2	GCCATCTGAAGCCATCCG	AGAATACAGTGAAGGCTGGG	NOTCH2_ex15	GGTTAGAATATGATGAGGCTGC	TCAGGCACCTGACAAAGCAAG
ATP1P1_ex3	GCACTGAAGAAAACATCTGCAC	CCCTGAGGTTAGACTGTATG	NOTCH2_ex16	GAATTCAGAGAACTCCTTGGG	GCCTATGAAGCACAGCAGGG
ATP1P1_ex4	TATATTGCCTGTAAGTGTCTG	GAAGTGGGAGACAAGACGG	NOTCH2_ex17	AGCAACTCTGAGGCCACAG	GCTCCCTGTGTTTTCTCTC

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ATP1P1_ex5	TTCCTGTGGTCTTTAGAAGG	TGGGTGGGGTAGAAGACATC	NOTCh2_ex18	CCCCAGCATGACTTAGTTCAG	CCCTGCTCCAACTCTAGC
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ATP1P1_ex7	AAATGGCTGCAAGGTAGCTC	ACACCTCTGCTCTGCTGCTG	NOTCh2_ex20	AAAATGGTTAGGTGACTCCGG	GCCACCCTACTACTATCTGC
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ATP1P1_ex14	TCTTAGTATTACTTGTCCACTAGG	CCATTATAGAACCCAGCTGGAAG	NOTCh2_ex26	AAATGGGTAGGAAAAACCAG	GCTATATGCAAAGTGCTAGGCTTC
ATP1P1_ex15	ATGGACACATCTGGTGTGATG	CCACTGGAACTCCAATCCC	NOTCh2_ex27	GACATGTTCTGCTGACCTG	CCCAATTGACACTCTTCCC
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ATP1P1_ex17	TCAGTTCCAGTGCTGTTGT	CATGGATGCTGGAGCATAG	NOTCh2_ex29	GTGGGAAAGTGTGAACCAAC	AGACAGAAATTTGAAATGAACC
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ATP1P1_ex19	CAGGTACCTCTGTGTGTGAGG	TTGAGGAGCTCTGACACTGG	NOTCh2_ex31	CAAAATAGAGCTGTTCAACCATAGG	GCATAAAACATATAGAGCCATAGG
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ATP1P1_ex21	CATCTGACCTCCAAGTTTTCAAG	TTCCAACCATAGGAATTTTTG	NOTCh2_ex33	CTCTGTGATCTCTGGGGAG	CGGGAAATGGCTTATAACTG
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ATP1P1_ex23	TTATCCCTGTTCCCTCTG	GGGTAGAGTTCCAATCCCAAG	NOTCh2_ex34.2	TGGGCCCAAGATCTTCC	AGTGTGCGCCCATAGGCG
ATP5F1_ex1-2	CTGACAGATTCTCTATCCGGG	GCAGGAATCGGAAATAAAG	NOTCh2_ex34.3	TTCCCTGGGATCTTACAGGC	AGGGCTCCGAGGGTG
ATP5F1_ex3	TGTTTCTGCTCAITATCATACACTG	AACTTGATTTAGTGGTGCCATC	NOTCh2_ex34.4	TTGGTATGCTCCTGCTCC	GCTCAGCAGCATTTGAGGAAGC
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ATP5F1_ex6	CGTAAAAACAAAAGAAAGTGCGG	GCTAAAGACTCTCTGACAGC	NRAS_ex2-fw	GATGTGGCTGCCAATTAAC	GAATATGGTAAAGATGATCCCGAC
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ATXN7L2_ex2	CTCTGGTAAAGAGAGGCTGG	GGAAAAGTGGAGCGTGGTC	NRAS_ex5-fw	AATGCAAGAGAGCTTATAAATTTGG	TCTCCAAATTTGCCAATAC
ATXN7L2_ex3	AGTGTCTCCGATCTTCCAG	GAGTCCATGCTCCACTCTC	NRAS_ex6-fw	GCAATGACCAAGGAAATTTGAAAG	AGTCAAGCAGGGGTGCTCAG
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ATXN7L2_ex7	GTCCCTCACCCCTTCTGAC	CTGAGCTGTCTCCAGGG	NRAS_ex7d-fw	TCTGTGACTTATCTACCATGGAAGG	ATCAAGCCCTATGCTGTG
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BCAS2_ex1-2	TGATTACATCAGTGCAAGCG	GCAGGCAATGGTTAAAAGT	NRAS_ex7j-fw	TGTCATGACTTGAAGCAAGG	CAACTCCACAGGACTCTCT
BCAS2_ex3	TGGGTAGTGATGCTAAATCTGTTT	AGCCAGCAAATACATTCTCAC	NRAS_ex7k-fw	GTGGCACACAATTTCTAAGG	TTCCAAACCTCAAATGCTAC
BCAS2_ex4	AGAGATGTAAAGGCTGGCAG	AAACTTGGGTGAGATGGAAAG	NTNG1_ex2	TCGCAGATCATAAGCAAGC	ATGCATATGCAGATAGACCC
BCAS2_ex5	TCCAACATGTTCTGGCACAG	ATCTGGCTGCACTCTCTTG	NTNG1_ex3_1	CAAGACTTGTGGCAACAGC	TGCAATGATTTCTAAGACCC
BCAS2_ex6	TGTTCTATGGATTAAGATATTCTC	TACTGTGGATCCCAATTTG	NTNG1_ex3_2	TGGCAGCCCTATCAGATATTG	CAGCTGTGAGACACTCTGG
BCAS2_ex7	GCAACAAGAGCGAGACTCC	GATTTCTAAACACTTAAATCAATGG	NTNG1_ex4	CCTCAGTGGTCCACAGACC	TTGTAAGCAAAATGAGAGGAAC
BCL2L15_ex1	TTTAACTCTCTGCTGGGCTG	TGTTACTGAAAGCTTAGAGTTGTC	NTNG1_ex5	TGTGTGTGCTAATTTCTAATAGTCTG	CATCAGAAATGGACACTGGG
BCL2L15_ex2	ATTCCTGGGACTTGCCATTG	TTTTCATAGAACCTTCTAGTCACTG	NTNG1_ex6	TCTGTCTCTCCCTCCG	TTTGGGTTGTCTGTCTTCC
BCL2L15_ex3	TGCTTACTGGATCTCTGCAC	TCATGAATTGGAATCCCAAGG	NTNG1-is01_ex6	ATGCTAATTTCCGTGCCAGT	GAAGTTTCACTTGGCTCAACC
BCL2L15_ex4	TCTGCAGATCATTCTCTGG	CACCAATCAGTCAACAAGG	NTNG1-is01_ex7	ATAGCCATATTTGCCGAAGC	AAAACTGTCAAGGGTTTGG
C1orf59_ex2	GCTGATCTCTCAAAATAGAGCTTG	GCAATTATCTCAACAATATCCAGG	NTNG1-is02_ex6	TTAAGTGATCAGGCAAGC	TCATGATAATGCTTATTTGTGGC
C1orf59_ex3	GCCTCTAATTAATTTCTGAAGTC	CCCTGTGAAAAGTCTCTCC	NTNG1-is02_ex7	TCTAATTTAGGGTACTTTTCAAGTG	CATGCTCCAAATAAGCTG
C1orf59_ex4	TGTGTGATGATCTTCTGCTG	TGAGTGAAGATCCCAATGGC	OLFM13_ex1	CTGCAGTGAGTGGAGACC	AGAGCTGTCTCTGCTCCG
C1orf59_ex5	CAGAGGATCTGAGTCTGTAGCTG	CAACCAATGAGCAGTTTCC	OLFM13_ex2	TGAAATGCTACAACCAACACTC	TCCTTTTGAAGAAATGGTC
C1orf59_ex6	GGAGAATCGATCAGACATGAG	TTACATACTAAGTCACACATGGAATC	OLFM13_ex3	TAGTGAATGCAACAACCTGC	TTCTAGCTGAGTGCCCAAC
C1orf59_ex7	CCAGAAATGGTCTTATTTAACAG	TCATTTACACTATCTTACTTTGGG	OLFM13_ex4	TCACATGACCGCTTAAATTTTC	CACTTCAACTTAGAAAATGGGC
C1orf59_ex8.1	CCCATTAACCTGAGGCATTTACG	CTTGGGATACGCAAGGATC	OLFM13_ex5	CGTATTGGAATCATTGGGCTG	CCCTGAAGAAAATGAATGTCAG
C1orf59_ex8.2	GGGGTGATAAGCCCAAGAGC	GGAACTAGACTTTTGCAGTGAAC	OLFM13_ex6.1	CTCAGTGTCTTCTTTGGGG	GCTCTCATCACTCCAAAGC
C1orf62_ex1	ACTGACAGCAGCCAGCTCAG	TGCTGGAATGAAAGAGCTGC	OLFM13_ex6.2	TAATGCTGATGAAATCGGG	CGGAAGGGTCTTATAGAGTTATC
C1orf62_ex2	CAGCTGTGACCATCCCTG	ATTGCTGTTTTCCACATCCC	OVGP1_ex1	AGCGCTATCCACGGGAAG	TGACGAACTATAAAGCCTGG
C1orf62_ex2.2	TGCCGACAGTTTTGAAGAGG	TTTTCACTTTGGGAGCAATC	OVGP1_ex2	TGCTGTGTCATACACTC	GTGGAGGACTTCTCAGCCAG
C1orf62_ex2.3	AGTCACCCAGAAAACAGCAG	CCACACTGAAAAGAGATAAAGCAG	OVGP1_ex3	GCCTTCACATTGCTTCTGG	TGAAGATACAGGAGAAATAGACTG
C1orf62_ex2.4	TGGGCTCCTCTATGATGAC	TTGTGCTGCTGCACTCC	OVGP1_ex4	TGCCCCAGGAGTGAAG	CTAACAGCCTGCTCCACC
C1orf62_ex3	TGGTGACTGCAACAGCTTTC	TCTCTAATAAGGCATGGTTTC	OVGP1_ex5	GCCTTGATAGGAGTGGTATTC	GCTCTTCTCTGCCATAAGC
C1orf62_ex4	GAAGTTGAAAAGAACAGACTGATCAAC	AGCAAAAACATTTCACTCTCC	OVGP1_ex6	GCTTCTAGATGACTCTCC	AGCTCAAGACTGCTCTTCC
C1orf62_ex5	TGGGAAAACAAITACACACAG	CCACACTAGAATCCCACTG	OVGP1_ex7	TGCTCTGACTTAAAACTGG	TAAAGGCAATGGCTGAG
C1orf62_ex6	CAGCAGGTGAAGATCAGAGC	AAAATAATATAATCATGGAGCTTTGG	OVGP1_ex8	AGGAAAGATCTCAGGTGTCC	CTACAGCTCTCACCTTGGC
C1orf62_ex7	TTTGAATCACTCCAGTGGG	GAAGGGGCTCTTTCTGTG	OVGP1_ex9	TTGGCAAGGAAACAACTGTC	ACCCTATAGAAACCGTATGG
C1orf62_ex8	CAAATAGTGGAGCTCCAGG	CACTGGTTTTAGTTAAGAGCCCAAC	OVGP1_ex10	GCTACATTTCTCTGAGGC	CAATGTAGTTCTCTAC
C1orf62_ex9	AAGTTCAGCGGACCTCAG	CAGCCAGTGGCCTCAGTTAG	OVGP1_ex11.1	TTGGAGCAGGTACTTCAAGC	TCAGGGTCTTCTGCCAGTG
C1orf62_ex10			OVGP1_ex11.2	ATCCCTTGAAAAGCAGACTG	GACCAAGTACCCTCTCTG
			OVGP1_ex11.3	CCCTAGAAGGAAGCTGTGG	AGAAGGTTCCAACATGCTAC

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C1orf62_ex11	TTCCCTATCTATTGAAATGC	AAGCTGGTGCCTACTGCG	PHGDH_ex1	CGCAGCTTCTGGCTTAGG	TACGGGGTGCATGCGAG
C1orf62_ex12	GCCAAACACATACCCTGCAC	TTAATTGCCTGGGAACAGTG	PHGDH_ex2	CGGCTTTACGAGTTCTCACAG	TAGGTGTGTGCAGTCTCCGC
C1orf62_ex13	AGAAAGGCGAGTGGGGAC	TGTGAATGCCATACCTGG	PHGDH_ex3	GGGAAGGAGTGGGAATCTG	TTCTGGGTCCATTGCTTG
C1orf62_ex14	GATACATAGGCACCTTTGGG	CTGTATCCACCAACCAATG	PHGDH_ex4-5	ATGTTGCATCTCTCTCTGG	GCCTTTCCCAAAATGCTG
C1orf62_ex15	AACAGGAGTGTGCTGAGGG	GCCAGTTCGTGGGCGATC	PHGDH_ex6	GCTGAGCATGGTAGTATATGG	CTCTCCCAACAGCTGTTAC
C1orf62_ex16	GAACCCAAGAACGAAACAGC	GGGAAGATCAAGTTTTCTTG	PHGDH_ex7	AGGGAAGACCTCTGGAAGCC	GGCCTCTCTGCTCCATC
C1orf62_ex2	GCTCTCCCTCCAAAGCTTC	CCATTACAGCCCTCAGCAC	PHGDH_ex8	GTGGCCCAAGAGGGGTGTG	AGATGCCCTCTCTCTCTCC
C1orf62_ex3	CCTGGGAAACTTAAGCTGG	TCAGCACAACTCAAAATCC	PHGDH_ex9	GCAGCCAGATCTTGAATCAG	AGATCCCACTCCCTGATC
C1orf62_ex4	GCAGGAAAGTTTCACTCTTAG	GCTAATTCTAGTATCAATGGCAGAG	PHGDH_ex10	GTGCGAGTGGCTCTCTG	GGGGAGAAGACTAGTCTGAC
C1orf62_ex5	GCAGACTGAAGATTCAAATCCC	TGCTGGAAATCAATACCAC	PHGDH_ex11	CCAAGAGAGGAGGGTGGAC	AGTTCAATCCAGGGCGAC
C1orf62_ex6	AGCAACCTTTTCTCCAGAC	TGTGAAGATAGGGCTGAGATG	PHGDH_ex12	AAGCTTTGAACCTCTGATTCTG	GCCCAAGAATGGGATTTTC
C1orf83_ex1	GGAGCGCAGTTTCCAGTG	GAGACCAGGTGCCCTGC	PHTF1_ex1	TCACCGATTGGTTTCTCTC	TGGCACTACTAACTCGGGG
C1orf83_ex2.1	TAAGTTACGGCTGGGAGAG	ACAGCTTTGATGTGGCTGTG	PHTF1_ex2	TGAGAAGCATATTTCCACATAGC	AAGAATGCCATACTGGTAGTAAATG
C1orf83_ex2.2	GTCACCTTCTCTGGCAGC	GGTCAGGCCGCACACTAC	PHTF1_ex3	GGGCTCAAGAGCGAACTG	TTGAAAATTAAGCATCCCTGTG
C1orf83_ex2.3	AACCCAAAGGAGAGAAAGGC	CCAGCACTGGGACCTGG	PHTF1_ex4	TAGTGCTACAGGTGGCTTC	AAGTGTCAAATGAAGGGTAAATG
C1orf94_ex1	GGCTGCTGTGAAGAACACAG	GCTACTCGGGAGGCTAATCC	PHTF1_ex5	CTTGGCTAATGTGCATCTGG	CTCAGCATCAAGGAGAAAAGTG
C1orf94_ex2	CAAAAATTAGCCGGGCATAG	AAACCATGATCAGGCCACAG	PHTF1_ex6	AATTTGTCAGTATAATTTCTGTAGGG	TTACTCTTATGGCTGATGATAC
C1orf94_ex3-5	ACGGAGTTGGTGATTTACAG	CGAGATGGGTAATTTCTCTCC	PHTF1_ex7	TTTGCTATTACACCTCTACTAGC	TCCTGTGGTTTACTGTGTAGGAC
C1orf94_ex3*	CCCAAGAGAGCCTTCACTATAC	TGTTTCATCTAGACAGTAAATACAG	PHTF1_ex8-9	GCAGCTATTAGAATAATTTGGGC	AAAGGAATGGATAAAGTATACCTC
C1orf94_ex4*	AACTACCTTGCCTCTCTCAC	TCTTCCCTACTGTCCAAATCAC	PHTF1_ex10	GCTTTCAGCCATTGCTGTAG	GGATGATTTGAAAGTAAATGAGATG
C1orf94_ex5*	CGGTTTTCCCAAGCTGTTATG	ATCGTGCCATTGCACCTCC	PHTF1_ex11	ATGAATGGACCTGGGAAAG	AAAATAGCTCTGATCACTTCG
C1orf88_ex1-2	ATCAGGGACTAGCCTTCCG	ACGAAACTGGAAACTTGGC	PHTF1_ex12	TGTTCAAGTATGCTCTACAGATATTC	CAATCCTTATTGCCCAATC
C1orf88_ex3	GATGGCCCTGATGTTCTCTG	CTCTGCTCTCTGCCCTTTG	PHTF1_ex13	CGTTGGCAATATATGAATACACAG	TGCCAGGAGCTTCAGTGAAG
C1orf88_ex4	GGTGGCTGAACCATAGCTG	ACTGCGATGTTGGATGTC	PHTF1_ex14	TTAATAATGTGAGGGCGGTTG	TTAAGGACAGTGACCTAAGTCTAAAA
C1orf88_ex5	AGGTTAGGCCTAGTCCAGGG	TGAAGTTCATTCACAGACCC	PHTF1_ex15	AGTAAATGAGTATAAAGCTCTCTG	CCTGAATCTCTGAGGAAAC
C1orf88_ex6	TAACGGGAAGACACAGAGGC	AGCTCTGCTCTCAAGTCTCG	PHTF1_ex16	CATGACCTTTGAAATATGCCAG	ACCCCTCCCAACCAAG
C1orf88_ex6	TAACGGGAAGACACAGAGGC	AGCTCTGCTCTCAAGTCTCG	PHTF1_ex17	CAGCCTTAAGCATCTATAC	CACGTGTGAAGAACACAGATTC
C1orf88_ex6	TAACGGGAAGACACAGAGGC	AGCTCTGCTCTCAAGTCTCG	PHTF1_ex18	TAAATCCCACTGTTTCTC	TCTGCAGTCACTACTCTCTG
C1orf103_iso1-ex1	CCATTGGAAACTCGGC	TCCACATCCCTAAGCAGGC	PPM1_ex1	GTAGCAGGGAAGGGCCG	GGGGAAACGGCTCTAGC
C1orf103_iso1-ex2.1	TCAAAATATTGTTTGCAGTCTTC	GAAAATTTCCAGTTCACACAG	PPM1_ex2	GACGGTGTGTGCTAAGGTGG	AGAGGCTGAGTCCCTGG
C1orf103_iso1-ex2.2	TCAAATGCCATTTTTCAGC	TGCTATTTCTGAACAGGTTTTGG	PPM1_ex3	GCCAGAGTCTGTTATTAC	GCTCTCAAAGGTTGTGGGG
C1orf103_iso1-ex2.3	CAGTGCAGCAAAAGATACTGC	TTTTTAGCCCAAGATAGACTTTC	PPM1_ex4	TTGATTTCTACGGGTGGAG	CCTCCACTTACTCTCTG
C1orf103_iso1-ex2.4	AAACTTTTGTAGTAGGAAAAATTTGG	CCAACTGGAAAGATTGGATTTG	PPM1_ex5	AGAGGGCTGGTCTTTCTG	GTGCGAGGAGGCAACAG
C1orf103_iso1-ex2.5	CCCAGATGGAGCAAAATCAC	GTCTGTGTGTGATGGGTTG	PPM1_ex6	TCAACGTCATCTGTGTGCC	CGAGGAGCTGGTGTGGTG
C1orf103_iso1-ex3	GGCAAGGATAATCAAAACCAATC	GCACAAGGGTAAAACCAATC	PPM1_ex7	TAGGGAGAGGGGCTTTG	CCTACCTGAGTAAAGACTCC
C1orf103_iso1-ex4.1	GTACCCGGTGCATTTAGCAG	GGTGGTGTCACTGGAAATATC	PPM1_ex8	TGGAAGGGATCTTTGTTTC	GATGAAGCTGGCCGTGAGAC
C1orf103_iso1-ex4.2	CGAGTACAGCAAAACAGAC	TCAAAGCACTTTCAGAACACAC	PROK1_ex1	ACAAGGCTGAGGGGAG	TGCAGACCTGACATCTTC
C1orf103_iso1-ex4.2	CGAGTACAGCAAAACAGAC	TCAAAGCACTTTCAGAACACAC	PROK1_ex2	GATCTACCTTCCCTCTG	CAGGACATCCCTCTGCTG
C1orf103_iso1-ex4.2	CGAGTACAGCAAAACAGAC	TCAAAGCACTTTCAGAACACAC	PROK1_ex3	GCAGAGACTGTGCCAGG	AGTCATGGAGCTGGGTTTC
C1orf161_ex2	TCTACTCAAGAAGTGTGCACTCC	TTGGAAGTAGTGTGAATGGGG	PRPF38B_ex1	CCGAAGAGCGAGATCGAG	CCGTTTCTCCATACCCC
C1orf161_ex3	TTATGCTGGTATCTTGGGGC	CACACTGAGATCACTGCCC	PRPF38B_ex2	GAGCTGCTATTATGGACTGG	TTTTCTAACCTTATTCTAGCAACAC
C1orf161_ex4	GGTTACTCCGAATCTGTG	TGCAGGTAACCAACCAACAG	PRPF38B_ex3-4	TCAATTTGGTTAAGAGTCCG	AGTCTTGAAGACATTAACACCC
C1orf161_ex5	AACGCTTGAATGTGCAAAAC	TGACTGTTAAGCTGTGGC	PRPF38B_ex5	TTGCATGCACACACTAAGCC	AAGGAAGAAAATCTTTGGGG
C1orf161_ex6	CAGAATGGCTTTCTACACCAG	GCCACAGGAAGATGACCTATC	PRPF38B_ex6.1	TTATTTCTCTTTCAAGGCG	CCCTTTCTATCAGACTTC
C1orf161_ex7	TCCTTCAAGGCCACATAAG	CAITCTGGCCCTTTCTCC	PRPF38B_ex6.2	GCGAAGATCCCGAAGTATG	TTTTCTTTCTGGAACTCTTTTG
C1orf161_ex7	TCCTTCAAGGCCACATAAG	CAITCTGGCCCTTTCTCC	PRPF38B_ex6.3	GGTCCAAGGACAGAGAAGTAGG	TTTTCTTTCTGGGACTATGTC
C1orf161_ex7	TCCTTCAAGGCCACATAAG	CAITCTGGCCCTTTCTCC	PRPF38B_ex6.4	AGAAATGCAGGGAACGAAG	CAGGAGAGCTTGGAGAGTG
CAPZ1_ex1	TCCACTACTCGGTTTCTTC	GGCCCCAGTTCCTGTC	PSMA5_ex1	CTTAGTACTGCGGCGTGTG	CAGTCCGGCCAGTCTC
CAPZ1_ex2	TATGAAAAGAAAATTTGAAGACTCC	AGCTATGGCTACAACAAGTGC	PSMA5_ex2	TGCGTATTCTGTAGCTATCTGAGC	ACTCCAAGTGTCTGCCAGC
CAPZ1_ex3	TGAAGACTAATTTTCAAAAGCCTGAC	TGTTTTCAGGGTGTCTAGTTTACTG	PSMA5_ex3	TGTGGCCAGTTGAAGTTCTATC	AGCTAACAAGGGGATAACCTG
CAPZ1_ex4	CACATTTCTGTGAACCACTTTTG	GGTTCAGACATCTGCTTTGG	PSMA5_ex4	CCTGAGTGGATGAAAGAGTTTTAC	CCCAAGCAGCTAGATAATCAC
CAPZ1_ex5	TCTGACTAATGAAAAGTAACTGCC	GTTTTGTAGGCCAAAAGCCTC	PSMA5_ex5-6	TGGTGGCTGTCTTAAATGTC	AATCTCTCAGTCTCACCC
CAPZ1_ex6	CTGCTTTTGTACAATGCATGTTG	CCAAGTCTCAACTGTGGTTC	PSMA5_ex7	GCAGGGCCAAGCATTATAC	GGAGGAAAAGGAGTACTGG
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CAPZ1_ex8	AGCTTAAAGCATGGATTTGTGTC	CTGGCAGAATCAGCACTCAG	PSMA5_ex9	GGCCATCAGCAGGGTAATC	CCAAGGAACAGGAGCTGG
CAPZ1_ex9	GATGGACTTACTTTCAGGATCTACTG	ACATTAAGGACACAAGGCCTAAC	PSRC1_isoA_ex2-3	CACCTGAATCTAGCTGCG	CCAACCAAGCCAATAATC
CAPZ1_ex10	TCCTTCAAGGGGACTCAAG	TGAAAGCCCTAGCAAAATATCAC	PSRC1_isoA_ex4.1	CTTGATAATCTCTGTTC	CTTCAGCACAAAAGGCTCC
CASQ2_ex1	GGCTCAACAAGGCCTCTAAC	ATTCCCTGGCACCCTCAC	PSRC1_isoA_ex4.2	AGATCTCGATGAGGCCAAC	ATCATGGCACACCACTGTC
CASQ2_ex2	CCCTTCCATTGATACATGAGG	TTTTCTTTGCAAGACACATTC	PSRC1_isoA_ex5	ATTTCTTAATCTCTAAGCCACAG	ATCCCAAACTCCCACTC
CASQ2_ex3	CAGCCAATACACTCACTTCC	CTTTGGGGTCTATCTCTCC	PSRC1_isoA_ex6	AGTGGGAGTGGGGAGTTG	TCACTGTTGACAGCTCTGGG
CASQ2_ex4	TGTTTCCCAAGTGAAGAAAGG	TTTTGGGGTAACTGACATACC	PSRC1_isoA_ex7	TCATCCAGTATTTCTTCGAGG	CTTGGAAATCCAGATGATGG
CASQ2_ex5	CAATCAGGATTAATGGCTTTC	TTCAAACCTTAACTCTCATGCC	PSRC1_isoA_ex8	GACAAATGGGCTTGAAGGAG	AGGCTCTGGAGGTAGAGG
CASQ2_ex6	TCTTTGCCGGAACACATACAC	GTTGTTGCTTTGGCAGGTC	PSRC1_isoB_ex8	GACAAATGGGCTTGAAGGAG	AGAATCTGCTGGAGTCAAGG
CASQ2_ex7	ATAATGCTGTGGCTGCTGTG	CTTGGTTGAGTTGGGGAC	PSRC1_isoC_ex5.1	ATTTCTTAATCTCTAAGCCACAG	GAGGGAATGGGCACTGAC
CASQ2_ex8	GTCTTTGCATCCCTCCAG	AGAAAAGGTGAGGGCTGCG	PSRC1_isoC_ex5.2	ACCTTGAATTTCTCACCC	TTGACAGCTCTGGGAGGG
CASQ2_ex9	TCACACTCTGCTTCCACATTAG	AACGCAATCATGAGTTGTG			
CASQ2_ex10	TGCTCACAGCTGTTTTGAAG	TTCTGAAAAGGCTGGGCTAC			
CASQ2_ex11	TATCCCTGGTCTGGTTCAGC	TGCTGTCTGTAGGTAGTGGG			

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CD2_ex1	ACGTGGTTAAGCTCTGGG	AATCTCTTGGAGATGCACC			
CD2_ex2	TCAAAGAAGTCCAACCACG	CCAAGTGTCCAAATAGCACC	PTGFRN_ex1	GTTCTCCCTCTGCTTTCCG	AACAGGTAGGAGACCTGGG
CD2_ex3	CCCTAACTGACTCCATCCC	AGCATGAGCACCTGTGACC	PTGFRN_ex2	CAGGTTTGGCCACATTGTCC	AGGGGACAGAAAGGTCTG
CD2_ex4	GGCCAGAGTAATGGGCTCTC	GTGTCATCCCATGAGCTGTG	PTGFRN_ex3.1	GAGGAAATGCTGCTGTTTC	ACACTGAGAGGGCGGTAGCG
CD2_ex5	GCAACTTCTGCTTCTCATTG	TGAGTTTGAAGATGACGAGG	PTGFRN_ex3.2	AGCGTCTCGCCCTGAC	GGCCGGTCTTCTGTATCAC
			PTGFRN_ex4.1	AGGGTGGAGAATAAGAGGGG	AAATGTTAGGAGCGTGCTAC
CD53_ex3	TGCTAGAGATCCCTGAACATTG	CATGCAATTTTACCACACC	PTGFRN_ex4.2	GATGCTGACAGCACCTTAC	AACTCCAGAGGGGTTAAG
CD53_ex4	TGATTCTGATCTCAAGGAAGTGA	TGGGATTTAGGCACCATCTC	PTGFRN_ex5.1	TTTAATTGTTAAAAAGAGCAGTCC	TTTGATCCGGAATTGAAC
CD53_ex5	GAGTGGGAGTGGGACGAG	TGCATACCTCCCATTTTTCAG	PTGFRN_ex5.2	GACAATGTGGTGACCAAGCG	CGGCACGACTTAAGCAAG
CD53_ex6	TCCTTATTCTTGAACCTCACCTG	CAAGGATTTAGGCTTGAATAAG	PTGFRN_ex6.1	TCGTAGGTGCTTTTGTGTGG	TTGATAGCGGAACCTCATCC
CD53_ex7	TCTGAAGGGCAGCACTTTTTC	CTATGACTGCAGTTCCGAGG	PTGFRN_ex6.2	CCAGTCCCAATGAAGCAAG	TAAACTGGTCTGGTGTAG
CD53_ex8	AAGCAAATGCAAGCACTG	ATTTGCTACTTGGCTGGGG	PTGFRN_ex7	AGAACCAATTTTGATGCC	ATAGATAATCTTCCCTAACCCAC
CD53_ex9	AATCCAGGCAATTGTGAAG	TCCAGTTTCTTTGGCTCTC	PTGFRN_ex8	GCCATACATGACTTCTGCC	TTCTGTCAGTACAGCTGG
CD53_ex3*	CAGCTCAAACCAAGGTAATG	GCTGGACATGACCAACACC	PTGFRN_ex9	CTCTCGGGAGATCTGCTC	CAAGTCCACTGAGATTAGG
CD58_ex1	CGTAGGCGGTGCTTGAAC	GTGCTGCCAGTACCCG	PTPN22_ex1	ACATTTGACATGCCCTCCC	TTGGTCTCGAAAAATTTGAC
CD58_ex2	TTTGTTCAGCACTTGTTCACG	GACAACAGTAACATCAATCTTTTC	PTPN22_ex2	CCAGTGGAAAAAGGAAGCTC	CCCATGTTTCCAAGTACAGG
CD58_ex3	GCTTGAAGGAGTTGGCGAG	TTTGAAGCTTGTGTAGTACC	PTPN22_ex3	TGGAACTGGCATGTACACAC	GTTCCTCACCTAGCTCCCGC
CD58_ex4	GCTGGGAATCTGCTATTGG	TGTGGATCTTTGGAGGAC	PTPN22_ex4	CGGAGGACTAGTGAACACAG	CGTGAACTTAAAGAGTTCCAC
CD58_ex5	GTGATGGGGCTGGCTTGG	TAATGGGATCTACAGCAGG	PTPN22_ex5	GGATCCATGTATTAACTGCTTTC	CTGCCAATTTCCCTCTCC
CD58_ex6	GGTCTGCAGCCGAGTTTAC	CAGCTGCTCAAGTACATTTCC	PTPN22_ex6-7	ACATAGAGCTGAATTGCTTCC	CACTTCCCATTGCTTATGCC
			PTPN22_ex8	GCATGCCACTGAATAATCC	TGGCCAGACTTGGACATTTG
			PTPN22_ex9	TGTTGGCTAGGACCTCTTCG	ACCACCTTTAAGACACCAC
			PTPN22_ex10	CAGATGCCATGGAAATGAAG	TTGGATGCTCAGATTAAC
			PTPN22_ex11	CGATGCTCTTTGGGCTC	TGCAACAACTTGACATCCC
			PTPN22_ex12	ATTTTGGAACTAATTAACCTTTC	GACACCAATCCCAACAGG
			PTPN22_ex13.1	TAGGAAGCGGCTGTTG	CCGTGTTATTGGCACCTTTG
			PTPN22_ex13.2	TGACACAACCATGAAATGCC	ACTGGTACCCTTTGGAGCC
			PTPN22_ex13.3	AAGTAATGCATGTTTCTCAGCAG	AGCAGAGAGAGGAGGGAAG
			PTPN22_ex14	AAAACTCTCGGTTGTGAC	CAGTGTGCTTATGCTCTCC
			PTPN22_ex15	AACTAGTACTTCTCAGGTCTTTC	AGATTTATTGAAAGTGGGTC
			PTPN22_ex16	TCAGAAGGGGTCAATTAAG	TGGGAACCAAGTAACTCTCG
			PTPN22_ex17	ACAAAGAGAAAAAGGTTTGGC	TTGTAACCTTCCATTTAGTCC
			PTPN22_ex18	TGTAACATGAAGGTTAAGGAAG	GGGGAACTTTTCAATGAGG
			PTPN22_ex19	AAAACACTTTTATACATTTTCATGG	TGGGTGATTTCTGATTCATAG
			PTPN22_ex20	TCAACCCTTTGTAAGCAC	CTGAGATGTTAAGAGGTTAAGG
			PTPN22_ex21	AACTGGTCAAGATGCTGCC	ACTTATTGGCAATTTGCTTTTC
			RAP1A_ex2	ACTGTAGCATGTTTCTAATCTTTC	ATGCCACTTCTCTTTC
			RAP1A_ex3	CGTGTTCACCAAGTATTTTTC	TGTTAAGAAAGTCTCTGTCTGATG
			RAP1A_ex4	TTGTGGAAGAGGTTGGGAAG	AGGAAGAAACCAACACAG
			RAP1A_ex5	ATGCTGTTTAAATTTGTCAG	TGTTGATAGGCTTCAAATCC
			RAP1A_ex6	ATTTGATGAAGCTTGGGCTC	CCATCAAAGTACCTTATGCAAG
			RAP1A_ex7	GAATGTTTGTGGAAACAAAGTCTC	AGGAGCATGAGAAAGCCAC
			RBM15_ex1.1	TGGGAACCAATAACAGTGG	GCTCGGGAGCTATAACTATG
			RBM15_ex1.2	GAGCAGCAGCGGAAAGAC	TTGAGGGCGGCTATAGAGG
			RBM15_ex1.3	ATCCCACTAACAGCAGAGGCG	CCTTGGCTCAAGACTGATGCTC
			RBM15_ex1.4	GGGCAAGTGAGACTCAGGAC	GGTGTAGCTTACCATTAACC
			RBM15_ex1.5	CAGGCTCACTACCATGACC	GGCGGCAGACTAGACTTACG
			RBM15_ex1.6	AGCACAGCCGCTTTTTCG	ACTTGGTGGCCGATGTCG
			RBM15_ex1.7	GGAGTCTGCACAGACTGCG	ATCTGCCAGCAGCAGAG
			RBM15_ex1.8	TCCATGCTCAGCACTCAC	AGGGAAAAAGCCCTTGTGAA
			RBM15_ex1.9	GGGCTTGGAACTTTTTCAG	CCCAATGGTATGCCATTTCT
			RBM15_ex2	GTGTTGGAACTGCTTCCAG	GGGCTTAAATGACCTTTTATG
			REG4_ex2	AGGAGACAGCAAAAGGAGG	CTCACATGGGCTGTGGAAC
			REG4_ex3	ATATTAGGCTTACCAAGC	ATCTGGGGCTGTGGCTG
			REG4_ex4	GGCAAAAGACTCAGGGCTCAC	CCCGCTGTCTTGTATTATAG
			REG4_ex5	GTGTTGCTCTTCAACTCCC	TAAAGGGGACTGAGGGGAC
			REG4_ex6	CCACCCACTTCAGTAAAGC	CCAGGCTAGCAAAAGGAAG
			RHOC_ex2	TAGATGCTCGTTCCTCAG	AGGTCATTCACTGCTGGGG
			RHOC_ex3	CGAAGGACAGTGGTTTTCAGG	ACGACAGCTCTGGCTGATTC
			RHOC_ex4	CCCAGGGGAGCTTCTAGC	AAGTCTCTTCCAGCCCTG
			RHOC_ex5	GGTGAGGAGGAGAGGTTC	GGGGATAATTTCTGACTCCCTG
			RBN1_ex1.1	TAGAAGCTCGTGGAGAGG	CCCCACTGTAGATCGGC
			RBN1_ex1.2	GTAGTACGGCGGTTGTC	AGGGGAGAAAGTGAAGAGG
			RBN1_ex1.3	TGTTGAGCTTCTCTCTC	CTAAGATGCGGGATATCCG
			RBN1_ex2.1	CAAGTACCCTTAAAGACTTGTATGTTG	CCCCGATTTCTGGCATAACC
			RBN1_ex2.2	AAAGAAATTTCAACCAAGGAC	TCATTTCACTGAATGCAAAGC
			RBN1_ex2.3	TGTTGGTGTCTTGTCTTTC	ATGTCGCTGCGGAGAAAG
			RBN1_ex3	GAAATGGCAAGCTTGAAGAAC	GGCAATATTAGCTAATACTCTCAAC
			RBN1_ex4	AACCTTTATTGGGTGGAGAG	GCCCAAGCAAAATGTCTTTC
			RBN1_ex4	AACCTTTATTGGGTGGAGAG	GCCCAAGCAAAATGTCTTTC
			RBN1_ex5	TCATTGAACTTCTCAGTTC	TCTGTTCTGAACAATGTAAGATG
			RBN1_ex6	TCTGCTGGTAGAAGCATTTTC	AAAAATAACTCATCTCCACATAC
			RBN1_ex7.1	TTTGTCTACTGTTTTCTTTTC	TGCATGCTTCTCAGATTCAG
			RBN1_ex7.2	GGAAGCCACTCAAAACACAG	TTATAGAAATATAGGCAAGATTTTCC
			SIKE_ex1	TCCCAAGAGATCTGAGCGAG	CCGAGTTCACCTTTTACTCT
			SIKE_ex2	TGAGACATTTCTGCTGGTC	CCAGAGGACTCTCCTCAATAAG
			SIKE_ex3	TGGATTTGGGAACTGTCTCTC	CCAGCTTCTCAGATTCAG
			SIKE_ex4	TTGTAGGAAACCTCATTTGTAAC	GGCATATCTTCAGACTCGG
			SIKE_ex5	TGTGTTTGTGAATGCAAGTTCG	TGGCAGACTCTGAAATGGGAAG
CEPT1_ex2	TTTAGGTAAGCACCAGCCAC	GACCCACGATCCCAATTAC			
CEPT1_ex3	GCACTTGGATCTTCTCTCCC	CCAAAACATATTTGGGGC			
CEPT1_ex4	TTTCCAGCTCAGTTGTTGG	TCAAATCTTATAAGCAACATTCTC			
CEPT1_ex5	TGATGCTCTTTTTCCC	GAATTTACAGATATCCCTTAACTG			
CEPT1_ex6	TGTAATTTGAGGGAATGGAAAG	AAATGACAAAACAACTGTC			
CEPT1_ex7	CTGCAGCAGATCCATGTAGTATC	GAACTATAGCCATAAATCCAAAATAG			
CEPT1_ex8	TGGAAATTCACAGCTATTCC	GAAAACAAGCAACCTTCAAAAC			
CEPT1_ex9	TGTGAAGGAAGATTGCAAGG	GGGCGTTGTACCAATAATAAG			
CH13L2_isoA_ex1	AGGCTGTCGAAACCTCAGTG	CCTGTTACCTTCTCTCTCAC			
CH13L2_isoA_ex2	GCCATTATCTGGGACAGCAG	AAATGAAAGCACCAGGCG			
CH13L2_isoA_ex3	TGGACTTAAAGCCAGCTCCC	TGACTTAAGACCAAGCTCCC			
CH13L2_isoA_ex4	AAACAGCCAGGCTAAATG	ACCTGGCCAGGGGAAAC			
CH13L2_isoA_ex5	GGGAAGGAAGACTGCTCAGG	AATGTGGCCATGATTTCTG			
CH13L2_isoA_ex6	CCAGGCAAGAGCTTAGCAC	GATGCATATTGCTGACG			
CH13L2_isoA_ex7	CAATGTTTCTACCACTGCTCG	AGACATGCTGGACTCTCCC			
CH13L2_isoA_ex8	AAACCAGGCGAGTCCCTCTG	TCTGCTGCAAAATGGAATGG			
CH13L2_isoA_ex9	CAAGTCCTAGTGGCTCAC	TTGAGCTATAAAGGCTGCTGG			
CH13L2_isoA_ex10	TATGTTGCTGGGCAATTAGG	CCCCAGTCTCTGTG			

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CHIA_ex2	ACACATCTGGGTCAAATGTTC	TGAAAAGAAGATGAAAAGTATAGGG	SLC16A1_ex2	TTCCAAAAAGAGTTTATAGGTG	TTACCTAATACAGACACTCTGGCTGC
CHIA_ex3	AAATTTGAAGGCAATCAATCC	TGCTGTGAGGCAAGCACGCG	SLC16A1_ex3	CTTGTGTAGATGTGAGGGAGC	CAGGTAATACAAAATAGCCAGCC
CHIA_ex4	CCACACAGAGTACAGGCATC	TGCAGAGTCTTGTCCCC	SLC16A1_ex4.1	TCCTATTCCTTCCATTATTTATACCTC	CCAGGAACTGATTAATTTGTTGG
CHIA_ex5	GGAAAAATGTTTACAAAAGGCG	TTGTGAAGTCTAAGGGACAGTG	SLC16A1_ex4.2	TTCTAACTTCTGGGGCTTG	ACTCCATTTGCAACACG
CHIA_ex6	TACTCCAAGTGTGGGACC	CCCTAGAGCCCAACTTC	SLC16A1_ex4.3	GGGAAGAGTCAAGCATATTTCTAGT	AGCATCAAGGTCATAAATAG
CHIA_ex7	CCGATCTACTTTATTTGGTTGTG	CCTGAATAGCAAGCCAGACC	SLC16A1_ex5	GGATTGACATCTTTCTGAATGG	ATTTCATTGAGCACCCTG
CHIA_ex8	CCTGTGCTGTAGATGGTGT	GATGCC1TTTGTGCTTGAAT	SLC16A4_ex2	TCCACTGAATCAACTGTCTTGG	TAGGCAGCTGTGAGCCTTTC
CHIA_ex9	ATAACTAAGTACTGGTCTCCAGC	CAGATTTAGCCCTAAGGCAC	SLC16A4_ex3	TTGCCTCTGTAATGGCTCAC	AATCTTGGAAATGCCCTTTG
CHIA_ex10	GCAAAACCCCACTGGAGAC	TGCTTAAAGCATTGAGCCGTC	SLC16A4_ex4	CAGAGGATAAGGGATGGCCAG	TCTTCTATCTTCTATGATGGATGC
CHIA_ex11	TCCTTAAATGTCTGAGGTC	GTGGGAAGACATCAGGGTGTG	SLC16A4_ex5	CGGATCCAGGAGATATCTTTTC	GAAGAGTCAAGCCTAAATCTG
CHIA_ex12	TGAAGCTTAGAGCCCTCTCCC	TAGGTAGGGCAACATGTCC	SLC16A4_ex6.1	CAGTGGGGCTCTTCTGAG	AGTTGTTTGGCAGCTCCAG
CLCC1_ex2	GCAATAGACGAAGCCCTGTC	TGTTTCCATCATGGGACTG	SLC16A4_ex6.2	CAGTACTACGAGAAGGCTGG	TCTGGCCCTTCTACAATTC
CLCC1_ex3	TCTTAGTCTTATTAACCAAAAGG	AAAAATCAGGTCACGCGAAAC	SLC16A4_ex7	TGGGAATGATGCTGTATGC	GGGGAGATTGTACTGATACTTGC
CLCC1_ex4	TAGTCCGATGACAGCACTAGG	AAGAGTCACTCAGGTGCTCTCTG	SLC16A4_ex8	TTGTCCCTTTAGGCATAGGTC	TTCAGCTTTTGTTCCTCAATG
CLCC1_ex5	AGTTCCAAAATGGCTTTTGTCT	AACGTAATATGTTGGAGTGTGG	SLC16A4_ex9	CATGGCTGAGAGTACTAATGGC	
CLCC1_ex6	TTTGTGCTTTTGTAGTCCAGTTC	TCCAACCCACATCCAAGG	SLC22A15_ex1	GCCGCAGCGCTTCCATCC	CCCGACGCTCGCCACACTC
CLCC1_ex7	TGTGTAGGCTAACCTCATAGG	TTCAAGTCAAGGACCTCC	SLC22A15_ex2	TCCTTTGTCTGTATGTTGCC	GAGGAAAAGGAATGTGTCTCATAG
CLCC1_ex8	GGTCAGGAGGCTCAAAAC	CAAAAGCTTATAGCAAAATGAC	SLC22A15_ex3	CGTGTAAATAGTGGATCATGCAG	GTGTCTTAAATGCCAATTCCTC
CLCC1_ex9	TCAATGAATTTTGTACTTCTG	CGATCTCTGACTCGTGT	SLC22A15_ex4	CAGCGAGCCAGAGATTTGTG	TTTGTAGGCTCATACGAAC
CLCC1_ex10.1	TGGCCCTGTATAATCAAAAGAGTGC	CACCTCAGGGCTTCTTTGTC	SLC22A15_ex5	TGCTCTTATAGTGGCAGC	GAGAAAGACTTTCCAAAGCAG
CLCC1_ex10.2	TAGACCTGATGGTGGACGAG	AAAAAATCAAGCCTCTCCAG	SLC22A15_ex6	TGATTTGTCTTCTGTGTC	GAGAAAGGCTGAGCAACCTAG
CLCC1_ex11	TGAAAGAGTGTGGAGCTGC	TGAATGTTGAAGTGGCACCC	SLC22A15_ex7	GCAGATCAAGCAATTAATTAAGACC	TGATCTCATACAAGAAGCAACCC
CSDE1_ex2	GACTGTGAATGTGCATTAATTTG	GGCAATCTAGTCTATGCTC	SLC22A15_ex8	AAGAAGTGGGGAAGAAACAG	TGCAATCAGAAATGAAGC
CSDE1_ex3	TGCAGTAAATAAGTCATAATCTTCCC	TGCTGTTTATACAGATTTCTTCC	SLC22A15_ex9	CCATCAAAATGAATGTGGC	TGCAAGAATGGATGCAAAAG
CSDE1_ex4	TGAAAACCACTGCTAAGGC	CAAACTAGGAGATGGGGAG	SLC22A15_ex10	GGGTCTTAAATCTCCCGC	GCATAAAGCTTTCCAAAGCAG
CSDE1_ex5	ACAGTGTCTCTGAATG	CGCTATAGATCAGATGGTGG	SLC22A15_ex11	TGGCTTATAGTGTGCTAGTGGC	CCACTTTGTGTTCCAGCAG
CSDE1_ex6	ATGAATAAAGTACTGTGTCAAAAGC	TTCAAATTTAATGAGGGGG	SLC22A15_ex12	AGTTGAATAGTACTAGTGGTAGTTCC	CTCTAGCCAGGCATAAAAG
CSDE1_ex7	TTCTTAAAGCCCGAGAAAC	GCACCAAGGAATTTAAAGAGAC	SLC25A24_ex1	GCAGCCCTCATCTCC	CTCGGTCTCGCATGTCTC
CSDE1_ex8	TTCTTAAATGGCTGTTAAATG	AAATCAGAAGGGGTTGGAG	SLC25A24_ex2	GAAATAATTTAGTGATCAGCCC	ATTTACAAAGCCCTGTC
CSDE1_ex9	GGCCCTTAAAGTACAGATTTG	GAGGCTCTAGTTGTCTCACTACC	SLC25A24_ex3	GCAAGTCTATAACTCACCTACATGC	GAGGTGTTTAAAGCCACACTTAC
CSDE1_ex10	TGTTTGAATAGAGCAGGAAGGATG	TGAATATAACTGCTTTCCTGG	SLC25A24_ex4	CTGTAAGTGGCCAAATAATGTTAG	TGGGTGATAACTGACCTATGG
CSDE1_ex11	GGTTGTAAGTTGAATGTTGCC	AATCTAAATAGCATGTTCTTTGAG	SLC25A24_ex5	TCTAAACAAAACGCTTCTCTGGG	CAAAAGCAGCTCTCTGATTG
CSDE1_ex12	TGGGAGGTGTTTCTGTATG	GCTGTAAAGCAAGAGAAATAAAC	SLC25A24_ex6	TGGCAATACTCCCTCTCATC	TAAACCAAGAACTCCCAAGC
CSDE1_ex13	GCTGTACCAATGTTTGGC	ATTTGAAGAACCTCTGC	SLC25A24_ex7	CCATCAGATGGAGGTTACAG	GAGCCAGGAGCCACCG
CSDE1_ex14	TGAGTAAAGGAGATGGTGTTG	CAACACAAAGAATGATGG	SLC25A24_ex8	ATTTGAATCCCATGATGATAGAG	TGCTCAGACTGTTTCTGTG
CSDE1_ex15	AAAAATAAGACTGCTGTTACTGTGG	TCTACTACTCATCTTATCTCCC	SLC25A24_ex9	AGCTTGAAATGTTTACTGGT	AAAAGCACATGCTGAGGACAG
CSDE1_ex16	CAAACCTCAGGCTTAAACTTTG	AGGTGCTCATCTGAAGTTATGG	SLC25A24_ex10	GGCTCTTGGAATAAATGTTGTC	AAATGCACTCTTTTGTGCC
CSDE1_ex17	AAACTCTAGAGGCTCATCAGC	AAACGAATGAATGTTGATGATTCC	SLC25A24_ex10.1	GCTGCTCGCACTTCCAC	AATGCACTCTCGAGGCTC
CSDE1_ex18	TGAGATAGGGGCAGGCATTTG	GACTATAAAGTTGAGACACTCCAGG	SLC6A17_ex2	CCCTGAATGAGAAGGAGCTG	CATCCCCGGCTATTTG
CSDE1_ex19	CAAGTCTGCTGCTGCTCCC	TGACCTATGTTAAATAGGACCAC	SLC6A17_ex3	TTCCCTCACTCTGTCTGCTG	AAACTCGGTGACCTGCTC
CSDE1_ex20	GTGCTACTGTGATTCTTCCC	TCGGGAGGATGAAGAGG	SLC6A17_ex4	GGGGCAGGGTGGAGTGG	CGCTAAGCTTGTGAGACCC
CSF1_ex1	GAAAGTTTGCCTGGGTCTC	GCAAAGGCGGTTCTGCTC	SLC6A17_ex5	CTCTTTGACTCTGCTCCCTG	ATTCTAGCCCTGTGCCCTC
CSF1_ex2	CATGGGGATAAGTGGGGAG	TGCTTCTTACATAAACTAAGGGG	SLC6A17_ex6	CGCTTTTCTGCTCCCC	AAAATGTGCAAGCAAGGCTGAC
CSF1_ex3	GAGGCTGAGTGTAGCTGTAGG	CTCCACAGCCACCTCTG	SLC6A17_ex7	AAAACCATCCCTCTGTGTC	GAAGCCAGGTAAGGGTAG
CSF1_ex4	CCATCTGCTGGGGTTG	CACATCTACCTCCCAATCC	SLC6A17_ex8	CTCCAGATCTCACCCATTG	CACAGCTGCTTCTGGGTC
CSF1_ex5	AATAAGATGGAGACATGGGGC	TGGGGTACGGGAATCTCAC	SLC6A17_ex9	AGAGGGAAAGGAAGCAGTGG	GGAAATGTTGTCCCAAGGG
CSF1_ex6.1	GCTAGTACTCTATCTCTCCC	GAGGAGTGGCTTCTGGAAAG	SLC6A17_ex10	TTGGGGAGGGATGTGATG	TTCAGCTGTGCACTGTGAC
CSF1_ex6.2	ACCACGTTGTCAAGACAG	GTCTCTCTTCTGCTCTG	SLC6A17_ex11	GGGAGGAGGAGGTGTGAGC	GATATCCCTATGAGTGGTGG
CSF1_ex6.3	ACAGAGCCCGCAGAC	GAAGAACCTACGGCCGAC	SLC6A17_ex12	CAGGAGAGGAGCTTGGAGG	GACAACCTGGCCAGGTTGG
CSF1_ex6.4	CAGCCACAGCTTTCCAGAAG	CAGGAGCAGGGAATAAGG	SORT1_ex1	TTAGCATCCGAATCCAGGAC	AAAAGAATGCGGTGGAAGTC
CSF1_ex7	ACCTCACAATCTCCCTTGG	CAACAGGTGAAGCTGACTGG	SORT1_ex2	GAAGCAAAAGATGAAGGAGAG	TAGTGCTTAAACCTTCCC
CSF1_ex8	CCCTTATCCCCCTGCTC		SORT1_ex3	CATATCAGCATGTGATGGAAATC	GCATCATGTCTAGAAAAGGG
CTTNBP2NL_ex3	TGTTGTTGCTAGTTTGATTAAC	AGGTGGCTACTATGGCAAG	SORT1_ex4	GGGAAATGAAAGCTGAGTAGG	CTGCAGCTCGCATGTGG
CTTNBP2NL_ex4	ACCACCTGATAGCAATCCC	TGCTCTTACATAAACTAAGGGG	SORT1_ex5	GGTGAAGAATCTCTGTGCTG	GAACTCAAATTAAGAAGCTATCC
CTTNBP2NL_ex5	TTGTTGATTAATAAATGTGACTCC	TTTGGGAAATGCTGTTCCAG	SORT1_ex6	GGTCATACAAGCACTACACAGG	GCAGCCCTATCTAGGAAG
CTTNBP2NL_ex6.1	CCAGAGAACAAGCATAACGAAGC	TTTGTCCGGTCTCTCTG	SORT1_ex7	TCAACACAGTCTTCAAGCAGTC	CAGAAAATCTACCATGAATGGC
CTTNBP2NL_ex6.2	AAGAGAGGCTGTGACAGCTGAG	AGTCAGCTCCCTGTTGATTTG	SORT1_ex8	CTGCTTTGACTAGGCTCAC	GAGAATCTATACAGAGATATTGAC
CTTNBP2NL_ex6.3	CAAGATGACAAACTCTGGG	AACCTGGTGTATCTCC	SORT1_ex9	TCTTTGTCCATGCTCCCTGC	AAAAATAAGGCTGCTCAAAGCTAC
CTTNBP2NL_ex6.4	CATCTCTCTCTGCTCTG	TCAGGGGACTGGACACTTC	SORT1_ex10	ACTGTTGTTGGTCAAGGAG	CCCGAAGCTCAAATCTCA
CTTNBP2NL_ex6.5	CCCAACAGCTCTCCCTTGG	TCTGACTGAGCTTTGTGAGC	SORT1_ex11	CCAGGTGCTATACGGTCTCAG	TTTCATCCAAAAGGCTGG
CYB5f1D1_ex4.1	AATGTTGAGCTGTGAGGCTG	ACAAAGGAGGGCAGAGCCC	SORT1_ex12	AAGGGTTTGTGAAATGATTAAG	TGGCTGAGTTCAGTGTGC
CYB5f1D1_ex4.2	ATCATCTCCAGCAGGACCCC	CAAGAGCAATGATGTCAAG	SORT1_ex13	TTCACTCAACATATTCTCTGTG	AATTTGAAATATGTTCAACATCCC
DCLRE1B_ex1	GTGTGGAAGCCCTCAGC	AGGTTGAAGTCCCAACCAG	SORT1_ex14	GAGTGGTTTTCTGAATCCCAG	TGATTAATTAGGAAATGGACTTGG
DCLRE1B_ex2	GGATTGGTCAAGCTTCTCTG	ACTGGGAGGGCCAGTC	SORT1_ex15	TTCTCTATAGCTGGCAGC	CTTTCACCTCTCCAAGG
DCLRE1B_ex3	CGCTGCTTATGTTGGAGG	GCACAAAAGATCTGAAAGATGTG	SORT1_ex16	TCACTTAACGGTCTTCCAGC	GGATCTCAGTGTGGGAGAGAGC
DCLRE1B_ex4.1	TCTTCTGTGATATCTCCCTGG	GACTTACAATGGGGCACCAC	SORT1_ex17	GAAATAGGAGTACCCAGG	TTCTTAGCAGAACAAAAATCCC
DCLRE1B_ex4.2	TTGCTATCTTCCCAAGC	TCTTTCTGGCTCTTCTGAG	SORT1_ex18	GAATGAGTGGCTGCCCTTGC	TGCCCTAGATCAGCTCTTCTG
DCLRE1B_ex4.3	AGGAGGCTAAGAGGGCCGAG	TGGCTTCTGGACCTCCATC	SORT1_ex19-20	TGTAAGAAGTGCACCCTG	TTTCTGAAGTGTGGAGCCAC
DCLRE1B_ex4.4	CCCCACTGGGATTTTCAG	TCCCACAGCCATCAGTTAC	SPAG17_ex1	GTAGCGGGGAGCGCTTAGG	GTGCTTAGGAGGTTCTGG
DDX20_ex1	CGGGAAACTGCAATAAAG	GAGGGCTCTCTGAGCTG	SPAG17_ex2	GACACGAAATGACCTATTACAGG	CAAAACGCCCAAGAAATGATAG
DDX20_ex2	TCTGATCCATGTTAGCCCC	TCTGACCTGTGGTAAAGTCCAC	SPAG17_ex3	TTCTTGTAGGTTCCCAAC	ATCTCCAATGAGGAGGACGGC
DDX20_ex3	TCATGTAATGAATATACCAAGTCCC	AATTATCAGATATCAAGAGCTCCC	SPAG17_ex4	TCATCACTGACAGACTGTGTC	GGCTCATTTCATCACCAC
DDX20_ex4	AATTCAGCAGAAACACTGTAAAG	CAATAATCACCATTTGAAAGG	SPAG17_ex5	AAAAGCCATTGCTGTCTAC	TGCTCTCAATTTATTGCTCAC
DDX20_ex5	TCTTTAGCTTTTCCAAAGTGTG	ACTAGGCAAGGGAAAGCTCC	SPAG17_ex6	ACTGGCTGAGTCAACCTG	TGGCAAACTCAAGTCTGAAAAG
DDX20_ex6-7	TGATATGCTGGAGCTTTTCC	CCTCTGACTTTTGGAGCC	SPAG17_ex7	TTGCAATGATATGACTCAC	GGAGCAAAAGAACTGACTGTG
DDX20_ex8	GGACAGAAATAACTGTTGGTTGG	GAAAGATTTTCTCAGCAGCTGG	SPAG17_ex8	GGTTGGATTCAGTGGTTTG	TGCAGTAGGCACTGATGAC
DDX20_ex9	CCTGTCTCCTCAGTATTCAGTTC	TACATATAGATCCCTCCC	SPAG17_ex9	CATACCAGCAATTTGATGAGG	CTGTAGGTGAAGGGAGGCTG
DDX20_ex10	TGCTTTCTTAAAGGGAGGAG	ACCAGCAGCATATAAGAC	SPAG17_ex10	TGAAATTTTGTGGAAATAATGG	GCCAGGAAAGTGAACACGAG
DDX20_ex11.1	GAACACAGTGTCTAGAGTACTTGG	TTTTCAAGGGAGTCTGAAC	SPAG17_ex11	ATGCAGCAATGAGCAGTGAG	TGCTTTGTCTTCAITTTCTC
DDX20_ex11.2	AGCTCTCTGTGAAAGGCCAC	GTCTCAGATTTGCTACTACTTG	SPAG17_ex12	CTGCACTCACATTTGTGTC	CAGGCAAACTTCTGTCG
DDX20_ex11.3	TCATCAGGCCTACACAGG	TCTGCAATCTGAAAGGAAGCC	SPAG17_ex13	CCAAATATGAGGGTGAAG	AAATAAGGGTGAATTTAAGAGGC
DDX20_ex11.4	ACCAAATGGAAGTGACACC	TCGAAATGCCACTATACACCAC	SPAG17_ex14	CCATTGCTGGCTGACTCTC	TCAGTGTAGGAAACCTCATGAG
DDX20_ex11.5			SPAG17_ex15	CAAAGCAGAAAGCAGGTACAC	GAGAATCTTGTGAACAACAATCTCAG

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DENND2C_ex4.1	TTACATTTACTGTAAATGAACC	GAAGTGCTCTAATTTCTCCACAG	SPAG17_ex16	AGCACAGCATTACCAGCAG	TTTTCAAGTGTCTTTCAAGTC
DENND2C_ex4.2	CAACTGGGATATTTCTGGG	TCACCTAAGCTGGGAATAG	SPAG17_ex17	GTAGTTGACGGAGCCCAAG	CAGCAGACTCTCCAGACTATC
DENND2C_ex5	GCCTATGCAACAGACTGAGATTC	TACACCAACCTTTCCATGC	SPAG17_ex18	AAAAGGGAGTAGAAGAAATGCCC	CCCCTAGCTTAGGGTAAAGGAAC
DENND2C_ex6	CTTTCTTTGCCAGCTGTGG	CTGGACCAGTTAAATCCCC	SPAG17_ex19	AAAGTATTATTGCACAGTCAATATCC	TTTGGAATTGACGACTCTATTAC
DENND2C_ex7	AGCAAGACCCATCTCAAAC	TCTCATTCTGAAAATGCTG	SPAG17_ex20	CCAGAGATTGGGCTTC	CACTATCCACTCCCCTGCC
DENND2C_ex8	TCATCAACTGTGAACTTTTGG	ACATTAAGTTATATGGTGATTCCTC	SPAG17_ex21	CAAAATGAACCTGAATGGAACC	CCGATTTTTCCCAAAAACAAATAG
DENND2C_ex9	TGGGTTCATTTGTCTCATCC	GGTGCCACTCCACATACC	SPAG17_ex22	CAGAATAAAGCTTCTGGCAAC	GTAGAGGGCCCTGGTTATC
DENND2C_ex10	GACCTCTGGATGCTAAAGG	TTTTCAAAAGCCACAGATCC	SPAG17_ex23	GTGCGAGGACTTAATGTGGC	CATTCAATTAATGGAGTGAGATG
DENND2C_ex11	GCTTATCAGCAACTACTCAGGC	ACATCTTGTACTGCCACAG	SPAG17_ex24	GAACTCATCCCAGCTTC	AGGGACCCTTGGCTGTG
DENND2C_ex12	TGGGACTAGTTTTCAATTGTTG	ATCTAGAGATAGTGTCTGAAGTTCC	SPAG17_ex25	CATTACTCTGAAATCTATCCAACTG	CAAAAGTGGAGACTACAAAGGGACG
DENND2C_ex13	TGAGACCTTGGTTACTGCTC	GGCACGTGGTCTTACTGTTAC	SPAG17_ex26	AGAGACTCTGCGTCTGTC	GGCATGAAATACAACTTC
DENND2C_ex14	TTGGCAGTTCTCTAATGTC	CTGCCTACTAGTGAAGTCTGCC	SPAG17_ex27	ATGATAAAATCCAGCCCTGC	CCCATAAGTTGTCTTTACTTTGG
DENND2C_ex15	ACAGACCCCTGTAGCAGAG	AACTGAGAGACTGATCTACATTTT	SPAG17_ex28	TTTTCATTTGACACACAGCG	CTGATGTCAAGAATGATAAACAAC
DENND2C_ex16	GAAATGAGCTGGATTAAGATTGAAC	TGTGTACTACTGAAATTTCCCTC	SPAG17_ex29	GTGTCAAACAATAGTGAATGATG	CTCTTTGGGTTGGTTTCCAG
DENND2C_ex17	TGGTAACTTTTAAATGGGCTG	GGAACTAAAAGTTTTGCTGAG	SPAG17_ex30	GATGTTGCCATCTCTGTTATC	GTATGTTCAAGCAGTGTGAGG
DENND2C_ex18	GTCACCTGTGAATTTTGAG	AAATATGCTGTTGGCACTTCAAG	SPAG17_ex31	TAGGCTGAGGCTGTGTTTTGC	AGAGAAAGTGGTTTTCTCAGC
DENND2C_ex19	ACCAGAGCCAGTGTTCGAG	CAACTCAGATTTAAGCCCTTG	SPAG17_ex32	AAATGTTTTCCAAAGTCCCAAC	AAATATACATGGAAGGTTTTGATG
DENND2C_ex20	TGTTTTAGCCTGGAATAATCACTG	ACCCGCCCTGGTCTTCCAG	SPAG17_ex33	CATCTCCAATTTTGAGTAAACC	TTCCGTTAAAATTTCTCTGGAAC
DENND2C_ex21	CTCTTGGCTGTCTGAATG	CATGGGATCTGACCCCTTAG	SPAG17_ex34	GAGTTCAAAGGAGAATTTAAACGG	GGATGATGAGATGAGAAAGGCAAG
DENND2D_ex1	AGCCCCCTTCTCAGGCTTAC	CCCCGCTAAGAGGGTAC	SPAG17_ex35	TCAATGCGTTTTTCTTTTCT	TCTGGTCCATGCTCCCTC
DENND2D_ex2	AGGTACCCCTGGATTCTCAC	CCCTTCCAAAACCCAG	SPAG17_ex36	TTATCGATTTTCTTATATTGCG	CTGGAAGACTGACATCTGTG
DENND2D_ex3	AAGCCACCAGCTCTGAAG	CTCACACATGTTCTCTCCC	SPAG17_ex37	CTTTGCTTTTCACTTCTCAG	AGGGAGAATGCTTCATG
DENND2D_ex4	TCCACCCCTAGTGTCTGACC	CCGTGGAGCTGAGCAGAC	SPAG17_ex38	TTTTCAAAGATCAGCTGTGAGAG	CACAACAATGACCTCAAG
DENND2D_ex5	CAGTTGGGAGAACCCCTTG	AGCTTAGTTGCACAGCAGAG	SPAG17_ex39	TGTAAGTTGTGTTGGCCC	TTCCATTTCTCAACTACTGC
DENND2D_ex6	GAGTCTCTTCCACTGTGCTG	CACAGATGCTACCCTCTCC	SPAG17_ex40	AATTCATCATATAGTTGGTAGGG	AGGCATTTTGGCTATCC
DENND2D_ex7	GTAGAGGCTTAGCACCTCGG	GTCGTCTCCCTGAACCCAG	SPAG17_ex41	TTTGAAGTAGGAAATGAGATGATTC	GTTGCAAGGCTGAAATAG
DENND2D_ex8	ATGAGGGGTGTAGCATGG	GCAGAGCTGGGACTGTAAATC	SPAG17_ex42	GTGGTAAACTTTTCTTACGGGG	TGCAGTCACTGAGGTATG
DENND2D_ex9	AGACGGTAATCTCTGGG	TGGATGAACTAGAGTGGTAGATTG	SPAG17_ex43	TGTAACACCTTCTCAATGTTG	AAGAGCTTCACTGGTAGATG
DENND2D_ex10	CTTTTGTCCAAACCCTTTC	GATTTGAGAAGCATGCTTTC	SPAG17_ex44	TTCTCTGTGACAGGGAC	CAAGTCAAGGTTAGGGAAG
DENND2D_ex11	GGTGAGTTGGGAATTTCACTC	CTCTCTTTTATTCTAGAGGTAACCC	SPAG17_ex45	CTCCAGCTTATTCATTG	AAATATTTTCCACTCTAC
DENND2D_ex12	ATTTCTGCTTATCTCAGT	GGGCTGAAGTCCAGAAGAT	SPAG17_ex47	TTAAAAGCAAGGTTGAACTCAG	TTCCATGTTTTTCTCACTG
DENND2D_ex13			SPAG17_ex48	TGTCAGAGAAGAATCTATGATT	GAAAGGCGAAGAAACCTCGG
DRAM2_ex3	TGGGGTGTGTAAGTACAAGG	TTCCCTTATTTGTGTAATGCC	ST7L_ex1	CCGGTTCTCTGCTTCT	CGAGAATCTTGCCCTT
DRAM2_ex4	GAGGTTGTAATAACTCTGATATTC	CTCCAGTGTGAAGAAGAAATAC	ST7L_ex2	GCTGAATACCTCATTTGATTTG	GAATGCTGGAACCTGGAAG
DRAM2_ex5	TCTGGAATGACGAGTCACTTTG	TGAATGCTCAGGTTTCCC	ST7L_ex3	AATTTGAGCTCATGATCTGCTG	TCCCAGCCCAACTCAAT
DRAM2_ex6	TGTTGTTCCCAATGTGTTCTG	GCACCAATAGTGTACTTAAATCTG	ST7L_ex4	TCATCTTTGACCTCTGTTGCG	TGCTGCAAAATAACTGTTG
DRAM2_ex7	AAGAATAGGGTTAGACCTTAGC	TCAACAGAAGACTTTCAATGTTACTG	ST7L_ex5	TTTTAAACATCAAATGTGAGCAG	TCCAAGCCAAATAAATAACT
DRAM2_ex8	CAAGGGTGAATTTCAAGAAGC	AAAGGGCGGAGAGTTGCG	ST7L_ex6	AAAGCTTTGCTTACTCCACTACC	AAATATTTTGGCTGTTTCT
DRAM2_ex9	ACATTCATAATCACAAGGTAGCC	CTGTGAACCTTTCCCAATC	ST7L_ex7	GCAAGGGACATAACCAAGAG	ATTTCTGTCTGTGCTGTTG
EP58L3_ex2-3	ATGGCTGCCTGTTCTCAC	GTGTCCATGTCTGGCAGG	ST7L_ex8	AGCACCCCAATAAATAAGG	TCTGATTAATAACTGCGCAAC
EP58L3_ex4	GCTTTTCTTCAACAGCAGC	TAGTGCTGTTCCCCAGG	ST7L_ex9	TGAATCTGGCTCAGCTTATTTG	TGTAATACTGACTGGAAGAAGCAG
EP58L3_ex5-6	CCAGAAGCCACACCTAGCTC	AAAGATGATGGGTCAAGGCTC	ST7L_ex10	ACCTCATGATCAACCCG	AAAGCCCCAAGAGATCCAGG
EP58L3_ex7-8	GAGCAGAATTTGGGGAGG	GGTGCTTCTCTTCCAGG	ST7L_ex11	TTTTGATCAAGGGGCTG	ACCAAATTTGGTGACCCAG
EP58L3_ex9-10	CAGTGTGGGAGTTCAGAGG	AGGATTAATCGGGAGGAAAG	ST7L_ex12	TTCTGGTTTTATAAATTTGCG	CCAATCTGAAGCAAAATCC
EP58L3_ex11	GTAAGATGGGGTGGG	CTCCACAGCTCTCTTCC	ST7L_ex13	GTGCTCAAAATAGGATGGTAAATG	AAATGGAAGATACTGACAAACAATC
EP58L3_ex12	ACTCTGGCCCTTCCCAC	GATGCTGCTGCTGATGCC	ST7L_ex14	TTGCTTAGCCAGAGCTTTCC	TCTTCCATGTTCACTGCGG
EP58L3_ex13	GCCTGGCATCAGAGTTTCC	GTGTGACCATGGTTGGAGT	ST7L_ex15	GGCCTAGGCTGTTCTTTG	CCCTGTGAGGTAGGGTTTAC
EP58L3_ex14	GATACCCCAAGCTCTTCC	AGATCCAAAGGAACAGCCC	STXB3_ex1	GCCAAGTAGTTGGGAGTG	GGTTGGGGCTGCAAAAC
EP58L3_ex15	ATCTCAGGCTGGGACATAG	CTTGCTGCTGTAGCTC	STXB3_ex2	TAGCCATTTTGGACCTTTG	CACACATCTCCACATAGC
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EP58L3_ex17	CTGTGGTTGCTGTGAGATG	TGTATGTTCTGGGTCTGCGG	STXB3_ex4	TGAAGACAAGAAAATGTAAACC	CATTGGGAAATGACAAATAATC
EP58L3_ex18	AAAGAGCCCTGCTGCTGCC	ACCCAGGAGCAGCAGAC	STXB3_ex5	CTGGCTGAGACAATAGCATC	AAAAGTGCAGATTTAAACCAATG
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FAM102B_ex1	CGAGCTGACCCAAAGG		STXB3_ex7	TAAATCAGGTTCCAGATTAACAG	AACCAACATCAAGGATCAG
FAM102B_ex2	AGACTTAGTGAAAGTATGGGTG	AAAACAAGCCAGCCAGTAC	STXB3_ex8	AAAATCTGAAGCAGATGATAAGG	GAATGAGCAAGTTCTTTTGGC
FAM102B_ex3	AAATAGTTGGATTAAGATCTCAG	AAAAGAGCCAAAGCTGAACAG	STXB3_ex9	GGGAAAAGGGGACAGCACTTAGC	GGCTTTCAGATTTCTGGTC
FAM102B_ex4	TTGGAGAAAACCTGTCTAGGG	AGCACTGATTCACATCTGTCC	STXB3_ex10-11	GTGTTCTTTTATTTGGAGGG	GCAATGGGTACGTAGAGTTC
FAM102B_ex5	GCTTCCCATAAGAAAATCTCGG	GGAAAGAACTTCCCTTAACTCGG	STXB3_ex12	TTATTGTAGTGAAGTGGAAAGC	CGAAACCCACTGCTAATTCG
FAM102B_ex6	GCTCAACATCAATAACTTGTAAAC	TTTAGGGCATCAAGCTGCTC	STXB3_ex13	TTCTTGAGCTGTTCCCTTGC	ACTGCTAGTGGCTCC
FAM102B_ex7	TTTGAATAAGAACTTGGCAGAG	GCAGTTTCAAGTCCCTTTG	STXB3_ex14	CGTGAAGCAGTGTACCAG	CCAAGTTCAGCAACTCTTCCAG
FAM102B_ex8	CCAAAGGGAATTTGAACTGC	TGTTTCACTGGGCATCTTGG	STXB3_ex15	TGAATCGAGAGAAAGACTGAAGG	GCTAGAAAACCTGATTTGCC
FAM102B_ex9	CGCTGAGCCAACTTGTATC	GATGTTCTGAGCTCTTACTGC	STXB3_ex16	GCACAAAATACTGTCAGTGGAG	TTGCTATCTGGATCTATTAAC
FAM102B_ex10	AACCTTAGAGTATCTTTAAATGGC	TGTGTCTTCTGCTTCAAGC	STXB3_ex17	AAGAAGGGAGTCAAGGAC	GGGCAAGCTTCTTCTC
FAM102B_ex11	ACCCCTCTCAGGGGTAAAG	AAGTGCTGAATAAAGCTCTG	STXB3_ex18	TGGGCTACAAGTGAAGACTCC	GCCGCAAGCTCTTCTCTG
FAM19A3_ex2	TGCACAGGGGAGCTTCTG	CTGCTAGGAACAGCTGG	STXB3_ex19	ATTACCCAGGCTACTGCAC	TGATTTGAAAAGCAATTTTTC
FAM19A3_ex3	CTCAGCAGGGAGGAGG	GGTATGAAATGTATCCCCAGC	SYCP1_ex1	CAATTGTCTAGCGATTAGGG	GGTGCAGTAGCACAACATCG
FAM19A3_ex4	GCCTGGAGTAGGGGAAAGAC	CCCTTTCTGCCTTTGTAG	SYCP1_ex2	AAAACCTTCTTCCCTC	GAAGTAGACTTTTCTATTTC
FAM19A3_ex5	GGCATGCTGGAATGGAATAG	GCATGTAAGTGAATCCCCATC	SYCP1_ex3	CACTGTATGTACATTAAGGATTGC	TCGATGATGTAACACAACTTCT
FAM19A3_ex6	TGGCAGCTTCTCCATAGGC	GCTCATGAAAGCCCTGAGAC	SYCP1_ex4	GCTTTGAGGCTGCAGTGAG	GTCAGAATACCAACTAAAAAGATG
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FAM40A_ex2	GAGGCAAGTGTGCTCTGTAAC	TAGGGGAAAGCAATGAAGCC	SYCP1_ex6	TCAGTAGGCAGCTGTAGTTTTG	AACAAGTCAATCCAATTTATCCC
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FAM40A_ex4-5	GGGTCATGCCATTTGTAG	TCTGCAAGCTTGTCTCCC	SYCP1_ex8	TGAATAATGTGATGATGCAAAAG	CCCTCTCACCTCACCAG
FAM40A_ex6	TGTCAGGGCACTCACTTACTTC	ACAGACAGCTCCCAACCC	SYCP1_ex9	TGTTTTCTGGAGGCTTTG	AGCAATCCCTTACTTGTCTC
FAM40A_ex7-8	ACTAGGGTCTCTTTGACC	CAGTCTCCACTGCCCCATC	SYCP1_ex10	CAATCCATTTGCTGCTAATTTG	TTAATCCCTGCACATCTC
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FAM40A_ex11-12	GGCTCAGATTTTCTGATG	AAAGCTTCTCCCTCAGCAG	SYCP1_ex13	AAAATATGAGGGTGGGAAGG	TTGGCAATGAAAGAAATGG
FAM40A_ex13	TAGAGTGCAGGGAGTTGGC	GGGGCAACCTGTGGTC	SYCP1_ex14	GGGGCAGTGAATGTATGAAAGC	TGGCAATGAAAGAAATGG
FAM40A_ex14-15	GGCTCAGGAGATTGATTTCTGG	GGAAATGTTTGGCCTTCTC	SYCP1_ex15	AAGATATACAGTTGCTAAATGAC	GTGGCAATGACGAGGGG
			SYCP1_ex16	GTGCTTTTCTTCTTCTTAAATCC	AGGTAAAGGATCAATATCTTCTG
			SYCP1_ex17	CCATTGGGCAAGTTTGTATC	TGCTTGAAGGAAATTTTGTG

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FAM40A_ex16	TCCGGAGTCCATTTTTCTG	GAGCAGCAGTGCCCGAG	SYCP1_ex18	CGTTTTAAATATTTGACATAACCTGC	AGCAATGAAATAGCAGATTATTTAG
FAM40A_ex17	AGAGGGCAAGGTCCCAG	GGACACAGTGGGAAATACCAG	SYCP1_ex19	CAGCCCTCATCCCTTTCC	GGTCAAAGGGTCTTTAGAGGGTC
FAM40A_ex18	GGAGCTGGCTCAGGCAC	TCTTACCCTACTGACCCCTGG	SYCP1_ex20	TTGTTGGGAGAATAATTAAGTAAGG	GGTTTATGATGCTTTAAATTTCTGTC
FAM40A_ex19	GGACTTTTGAAAACGCTGC	ACTCCCTGTCCCAGCAC	SYCP1_ex21	TTTTTACATTTGGTTAAAGAATGTGG	ATTTTAGTTTAGACATATGGTGTGG
FAM40A_ex20	AGTGTGACCTGGGATGATGC	GGCAGGGAGTGAAAGATGTC	SYCP1_ex22	GAAGTGACCTTTATCAGTACTTTATGC	GAAAGCATTTCTCTAAAACGTGGG
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			SYCP1_ex24	CACAAAACCAAAATGAATATGG	TTTTGGGGTGTTTTATGAAG
FAM46C_ex2.1	TTTGCCATGTAGAAGTGAATCC	CCGTGCAAACTTCACTAGC	SYCP1_ex25	TCCTGGTGTGAGGTTTGG	TGAAAGAAATGGGCATCAAGG
FAM46C_ex2.2	TCTGAACCTCTGCCAGAGG	TCCTCTGTGTTCAAGGATG	SYCP1_ex26	TCCAAGACTGTTGTGTTTTCAC	GAAGATCATAAGATCCCTTTCAGAG
FAM46C_ex2.3	TACAGCAACCTCTTCTGCG	CCCTACTGAGAGCCCTAGCC	SYCP1_ex27	TACAGGACTAGTTTATTTTCAATTG	TTTCTCATCCGGTATTAAATTTTATC
			SYCP1_ex28	GAGAGGTCTGCATCTTCTTCTGG	CCCTTCCAATCTCCAATG
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FNDC7_ex7	CCCAAGTTCTGTTCTGTCG	TAACCCCAAATGGAGCAAC			
			SYPL2_ex1	CAGCCAGACTGGACTCCG	GTCCAGGGTGGGATAAGTG
GDAP2_ex2	TCCAGTGAATATTAATGTCGT	TGTATTTCAACATGCTAGGGC	SYPL2_ex2	CCTTCCCAGGGTCCCC	GCTCCATTGCTCAGGTCAG
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			TAf13_ex1-2	GATCCATAGCTTCGAGTCC	ACACAGGGTCTGGTTCTGTC
GNAl3_ex1	GCAGTTTCCGTGTTGTGAG	GTTCCAGCCCTCAAGCG	TAf13_ex1*	CGCTCACCAGGAGTGGG	TGAAGTCCCAGAACTCTGTC
GNAl3_ex2	TAGGACCCTGTGTTTTCATC	CATCCTCTGAATAGCCATCCTC	TAf13_ex2*	CTGCTTCTTTGCTCTTCTG	CACACACAATGGGGTATAG
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GNAl3_ex4	TGGCCTGTGCAGAAAAGTCC	AAACATTTCTTAAGTGGGGAC	TAf13_ex4	AAGAAGAAATCTTCACTCACTTCG	GCTGAAAACCTTTGTTTCTCCA
GNAl3_ex5	TTTGCATGCACATGTTGG	AAATTTTACCCTGATTAAGAGATGG			
GNAl3_ex6	CATTTCAATTTAGGGGAGGTTG	AAGTATTTCCATTTCTGGC	TBX15_ex2	CGGACTTCTGTCCCTCCAG	TGGAAGATGTAATGGTCC
GNAl3_ex7	TGAATGCCATTTAGTCTGCTG	GCACTACCACTGAATCTCTCC	TBX15_ex3	ACCCTGCTACTTCTCCAC	AATTGTCTTGGAAATGCTGGT
GNAl3_ex8	TGGGTGATGTCCCTCTCC	CAAGAGACATCACTGTAGCACTAAC	TBX15_ex4	TCTCAACTTGTCTCTGGGG	AAGTGGCAGATAGTTCTATTTTAC
			TBX15_ex5	TGTTTTCTATAGTCTTCAAC	TTGTTGTATGTCAATTTCC
GNAT2_ex1	ACCAGCTTTTAGGGGAGCC	TGAGGTGAGACCACCAACC	TBX15_ex6	CCAGGCCAAGTCTTATACCCAG	TACACAGTGGCGGAGATAC
GNAT2_ex2	ATCTCTGGAAGGCTAGG	CTCCACTGGCTGACTGACTC	TBX15_ex7	CAGTCCACTCTGGATCTGTC	AGCTCCCACTGTGCTGCTG
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GNAT2_ex4	CAGAAGCCTCTGGAAAAGC	TCCCAACAGAGAGAGACTG	TBX15_ex8.2	TACCAACTCTCCCTCCTGTTG	TCTGACACCGGAGACTCTGG
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			TRIM33_ex4	TGTAATGAGCACATAAAGAG	ATCACAGGATGACAAACATG
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GPSM2_ex7	GCCAGATCAATCTCCATC	TGCCAAAAGTTCTGCTACAATC	TRIM33_ex10	GGATGGGGCTAGCGATAAG	ACACATCAATGACCTGCTCC
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GPSM2_ex10	AAAAGAATACAATAGCTGTCTATTG	GTTGAACTTCCCATGTTATATTTCT	TRIM33_ex13	TGAGTCTGTGACCCGATGAG	GCTGAGTGTAAAGATAAAGGGTTC
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GPSM2_ex15	TTTTAGAAATCAGGCTGGG	CCTCAAAACGGCCTGCTG	TRIM33_ex18	ACTCAAATTTGCAAGCAGC	TGTTACTTTTGCAGGACTTTAGCAG
			TRIM33_ex19-20	GTCCCAACTCTATGCAGTC	AGGCAGGATTTCCAGCAAC
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			TRIM45_ex1.1	TGGGCTTAATCACCTGCTAC	CATACAGGCAAAAGGATGCC
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GSTM2_ex2	GCTCCCTTGTGCAGAGTC	GGAGGCTGCAGAGTCAAG	TRIM45_ex2.1	TGCCCAACTATTCCCAACAG	ATGTTCTTCAAGTCTGCTCAG
GSTM2_ex3	CACCTGTCTCAGGGTCTTG	TGAGAGGAAATGGGCGAAG	TRIM45_ex2.2	GAGTGGAGGCGAGTGCCAG	AGCAGAACAGCCACCAATC
GSTM2_ex4	AGGCCCTGGTCTCTCTTTG	TTCACTCTCAGCTCACACG	TRIM45_ex3	GCAAGATGGAGATGATGCTACTG	GTTTCCAGTTTTCTCAGTCC
GSTM2_ex5	ACAAGATCACCCAGAGCAA	ACCAGGCTTCATTTCTAG	TRIM45_ex4	CACTGAAAGCAGCTTGTGG	TGTAAGATGCTCTCAAGCTTGAAG
GSTM2_ex6-7	AGCTGTGGGAAAGATGACTG	GCATCACAAAGGAGGAAAAG	TRIM45_ex5	TGTGCTCAGACTCTGTTTAGC	GTTGGCTGTGGTGGGAAAG
GSTM2_ex8	ACTTGTAGCCCAATGAAAG	GTGCTGGAGTGACAGTCC	TRIM45_ex6	ATGTAAGTCTGTGGTCCCTCC	GTTTGGTCTCTGGAATG
GSTM3_ex1	CTCCTCAGCTCATCTACAC	AGATTTCGGCCGTTTTTAC	TSHB_ex2	TTTTCTGTTTCTGCTCC	AGGAATGACTTCTCAGGG
GSTM3_ex2	TGCCCCAGTCTCTTATCC	CTCGGAGCTGAAAAGG	TSHB_ex3	TGGGCTAAGCAATTTCTTC	AACGCTGTGTAGTATGGG
GSTM3_ex3	CTAGGGGCCCTTAAACC	TAAAGCCGGTTTGGGCTATG			
GSTM3_ex4-5	AGGTAGGAAATCAAGAGAGAGG	TGAAACAGAGATAACCCCTTGG	TSPAN2_ex1	GCTGCTGATCTCCACC	TCTGTCTCCCGTCTCTCC

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GSTM3_ex6-7	GCCTGTGCCCTGATTAACAC	TCCTCCACTATGGGACTCG	TSPAN2_ex2	CATCTGTGCCTAGAGCCTG	CTTTGCACAGCCCCATCTAC
GSTM3_ex8	CGTGAATGTTGCTGTTCTGG	AAGAGCGCTGACCCCTTAC	TSPAN2_ex3	AAGCCTAGTTGGTCTGGAG	GAGGCACTGACTCCCTTCAG
GSTM3_ex8.1	ACAACAAGATGGCCCAAGT	ACAGGCAGAGCAGCCTATG	TSPAN2_ex4	TGAAAGCGATTACGCCATTAC	TGGGGATATTGGTTTCTTAA
GSTM3_ex8.2	GCCCACTTGACACTATTCAC	TTTTACAAATTGCTCCAAAGTAGC	TSPAN2_ex5	TTCAAAGGTGGGAGGAGGAG	CCTGGTGGTGGTGAAGAACC
GSTM3_ex8.3	AAAAATGGACAAAATCCATGAAC	CGTGGCCACATGGTACTCC	TSPAN2_ex6	CAGGGTCCCGAGACTGTTAG	CAATGGCTTCTAAGCTAGCAG
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GSTM4_ex1	AGTGGGATCCAGCAACCTG	TGGTGACTTTCTGACCCA	TF2_ex3	TGTTGGGAATCACAACCCAG	CCTGGTCACACTTTCTCAGG
GSTM4_ex2	GGGGTGCAGTGCAAGTGAGA	GGACACCAACCAATAAAA	TF2_ex4	AAATAGTTGCAAGATGTTTCTTGG	GGTATTTCTCAGTGATGCTGC
GSTM4_ex3	TCCACCTGCTCAGGGATCT	CCTCTAATCTGGGGAGGAGG	TF2_ex5.1	CTCACTGCTGAGTGCATATA	TCTCTGCTCTCTCTCTG
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GSTM4_ex6-7	AGTTCCAGCTGTGGGAAG	CTGGGAAGCATCTGAAAAG	TF2_ex5.3	CAAGTGTAAGAGTCAAGATGTC	AAAAACAATCATCTCTCTCT
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GSTM5_ex3	ACCTGTCTCAGGACTCTTGC	ACCCTAAGTGGGGAGGAGG	TF2_ex9	CGGCATAGCCTCTCATTAG	CAACACTACGTTTGTAGCAATG
GSTM5_ex4.5	GGTCTCCTCTGCGCCTTG	TCTCTACAGACTGACTTTGG	TF2_ex10	GCCAGTGGTCTCTCTCTG	CCTGGTGGTGCCTCAAGT
GSTM5_ex6-7	CGGTTTATGTTGGGGAAAG	TAGCTCCAGACTGGGAAAG	TF2_ex11	GAAGATTTAAAAGCCATTGGTG	CTCAGGATGGGGAGCAAG
GSTM5_ex8	TGCAGCAAAGCTACTTAGAC	AGGAAGAAGCGAGGTCCAG	TF2_ex12	TCTGGCTCTCAAGCTTCTCC	CCATTAACCACTCTGGGC
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HAO2_ex6	TTTGAATGCATCAAGTAGCC	TCTGCTGACACTCACAC	TF2_ex16	CTGCAGGCAGCTTAAGCAG	TGAAATCAAAATCCCACTTGG
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HAO2_ex9	CCATGATGAGGTGAGTTGG	TGTCGTGAGGTTTGTGATT	TF2_ex19		
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HBXIP_ex2	TGCCTGTCATAGAACACCTG	ACGCTAGGCTCAAAGTCAAC	UBQL4_ex1.2	ATCAATGTCATGACGAGC	GGAAACAGTAAGGATGAGGC
HBXIP_ex3	AAACAGCCAGCTAGCTTATTTAG	AATCACTGATGAACACAGGGC			
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HIPK1_ex2.3	CCCTCTATGCAGAGCAAG	GCTATATGATGCCTACGGGTATG	VANGL1_ex4.1	TGTTCACTGCCCTTTTGGAC	GCACGAAACACAACCAACC
HIPK1_ex3	CTGAGCTCAGATGATGGATG	GCAATTGACTACTTCTTCCC	VANGL1_ex4.2	CCATGGCACTCAAACTCTC	CTGCTCCAGCAAGGATCTC
HIPK1_ex4	TGTAAGAGCTTTAATAATTTCC	TTCAAAATGGGGAGTGAAG	VANGL1_ex5	TTGTGTTCTTTACTGACTCC	ATAGTCCCAACTGTGGCC
HIPK1_ex5	CACTATGGTGGCAAGGTTG	AAATGTTCTTTACTACATGGTG	VANGL1_ex6	GGGTGGGTGAGCAACACTG	TGAAACCTGAGCAAGCAAG
HIPK1_ex6	GGGAAAGCAGCTATGATGTC	GCCATTGATAAGGGCGTAA	VANGL1_ex7	TCTGTTCTCACACCTGTGG	GCCAAGCTCAGTGACAAGC
HIPK1_ex7	CCATGTTCTTGAATTTTGG	CCCTGATTCTACTAGTTTCTACC	VANGL1_ex8	CAGTACTGCCCTTAAACAGCC	AAAGACACCCCTCTGGC
HIPK1_ex8	AAGCAGAGGATTTATTCAGAGG	AGCTGCCAAGCAGGATAGG	VA3-iso1_ex1	CAGTGGTGTTTTACCCTCTGC	GCCTGGTAAAGTGAACAACAC
HIPK1_ex9	AATCTTAAACAGTACTCCAGACC	ACCATTTCTAGGACAAAATCTG	VA3-iso1_ex2	TGTTCTTCAAAGTGGCCAG	AGGCCACAATGCTCCTCAC
HIPK1_ex10	ATCCAGATCTGCTCCCG	TGCCCTCTGCAAGACTAAG	VA3-iso1_ex3	TTAAATGTTACTTGGACTTGGTG	TTGCTTTGCACTGTGCACTC
HIPK1_ex11	TTTGTAGCTGAGCCCTCTG	ATTACCAAGTCTCCACC	VA3-iso1_ex4	GCATCATGGGTTATCATTG	GACCTGGCCAGTATCCTTGG
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HIPK1_ex13	GGGGAAAGATACACAATTTGG	GGGCCCACTTGCCTGAG	VA3-iso1_ex6	AGCCTGTGTTCTTCCAGG	TGTCAGATGTTTACTCAATATG
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HSD3B2_ex3	CCCTCACTCTAATACCAC	TCAGCAGGTTTCAATGGAG	VA3-iso2_ex15	TTTGATAGTTTGTGTTTCTGTTG	AAAACTTCCGCTGCTG
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IGSF2_ex7.1	ATATGATGGCGGAGGATG	CAAGAGAAAACAGCCCTCAG	VA3-iso2_ex25	CCTCAGGAGTTCAATGTTGG	CTCATGACTTGGCCATCC
IGSF2_ex7.2	TTCCAAATGCTCTTGTG	GAGCAAAAATGATGAGAGGG	VA3-iso2_ex26	TCATCTGATTAGTGTGTTGGT	TGCAACCAACTGCTCAGCTC
IGSF2_ex8	AAAATGAATGACTGATGCTAAAG	ACCAGGATTCATTCACACC	VA3-iso2_ex27	CAATGGACATAAAACCCAG	TTTAAACAGCCAGAAATGCA
IGSF2_ex9	TCCAGGAGTTGTTGAATTG		VTCN1_ex1	TAAAGCCAAATACAGGGAG	TTACAGGTGGGCTCTATGG
			VTCN1_ex2	GCAAGGCAGACATCAAGAG	TCCATGTACAGCACTGAG
			VTCN1_ex3	AGCAATGAAGGGTGTGGTGG	CAGAATTTGGGAGTCAATTG
			VTCN1_ex4	AGGCTTAGGCCTTCAAAGG	TGGAATGGATGATCAATCTTAG

Name	Forward primer	Reverse primer	Name	Forward primer	Reverse primer
IGSF3_ex2	AATGAGAGATTAGGAGCTGG	CCACGAGAAATACAGGAACC	VTCN1_ex5	TCATGTGAAGAAGACATCCAGC	CATTAGGAGCACAAGCACC
IGSF3_ex3	TCTTGGCATGATCAAAATCC	CCAAAGGCCTATCCTTCTGA	WARS2_ex1	CTGGGATGGCTCTCTGAAC	AAATAGAGGGCAGTGGGATG
IGSF3_ex4	TGCATTTCCAAATCCAAACA	GAGGTGCCCAAAGAAGGAGT	WARS2_ex2	GGATTCATGGATCTGCC	AGCAGGGGCTGATGAACC
IGSF3_ex5	TGACCTGGGGTCTCATCTA	GTGTATGCACAGGGCTCTA	WARS2_ex3	TTCTCTATATGCAAGAAAACCTG	CAGGATCCCAAGGCTAAC
IGSF3_ex6	ACAGCGGTCTTTGTCACT	TGGGTGTGGAGTTAGAAGCA	WARS2_ex4	GGCTTCAGATCAAAATTTGC	TGCCATGAACCAAGTCTG
IGSF3_ex7	TTGACGCACTAGGGTCAGA	ATCACTCTCCCAGCCAGA	WARS2_ex5	TTGGTGAACATTTTGTGAATACC	GTCCCAAGAAAGTTCCAAGC
IGSF3_ex8	GGGAAGGGTGTAGGCTAGTGC	GTGTGATGATGGTGCACTGG	WARS2_ex6	TGGATATCACATTTGCACCA	TATCTCCTGGGGTCTGCTG
IGSF3_ex9	TTCTCTCGGCCGTAGGTA	CAGAAGCAGAGTCAAGGATGC	WDR3_ex2	GTAGAACAAGGCCACCACAG	AGTGGCGAAGAACACAAAGG
IGSF3_ex10.1	GCGTACGAATTGCTTGTGT	GGAAGGACTCTCCAAATGC	WDR3_ex3	GCTTTCCCTTGAGTTCATGC	GCTTCAGATAAGCCTACATTC
IGSF3_ex10.2	TGAGCGGAGACTGTGG	CAGTATACTAAATGGGAAACACC	WDR3_ex4	CATTGTTGTCAAGTTGGGC	TGAGTAAGGAATAAGCAAAATCTCTC
IGSF3_ex11.1	TGGATGTTACTATCATGTGTTAATG	GAGCCTCTGGAAGCGAAG	WDR3_ex5	CAGTGAAGTTTGGATCTCC	CCACCCTTTCCTCTTGT
IGSF3_ex11.2	AAAAGGAGCAGCCTTGG	GCTCAAATTTATCTCCAGAC	WDR3_ex6	GGATGTCTATATTGCTACTCTG	AAATCCAAGGTCTTATGAAAC
IGSF3_ex12	AGGAAATGTGAGAGCTCCAG	AGAGAAAGGAGAGCCTCAG	WDR3_ex7-8	AACAACATGCCTCTGGAAC	GTGTTTGAAGGAGCCACACAGG
KCNA10_ex1.1	AAGGGCCAGTTGTTATCTGC	TTTAGCCACTGGCTCAGG	WDR3_ex9	GCAACCAGAGAGATTAAAGTTG	TCAGTAACTGGGGCTCACC
KCNA10_ex1.2	AGGCATGCGCAGCAGCTGC	CTGTCCATGGCCTCACTAC	WDR3_ex10	ACAGTTTGTGTTCAAGCGGG	GCCGATCTGATGACCGCTCC
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KCNA10_ex1.4	ACCATCTTGCTGCTGAGAG	TGCACTGGAGAGAGATGA	WDR3_ex12	CCTCAAATGGGGATGCAG	TCCAGTCTTTCCAATATGC
KCNA10_ex1.5	TCTTCCGATCTTCAAGCTC	GAACAGCCCACTTGGTCTT	WDR3_ex13	ATGAATCATGGAGTTGTACG	GAATCATGAGGTTGCACAGG
KCNA10_ex1.6	CATTGACGGGCTTCCATC	GAGAGAGGGGGGAGAAAGC	WDR3_ex14	AGGGGCTAGGGAGAACCAC	AAAGGCCATCCATAGCTCC
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KCNC4_is01_ex2.2	ACCTACATGAGGCGCTATG	GGGGTACATGTCTCCGTAGC	WDR47_ex4	TTCAAGTATGAGCTTCAATGTGAT	ACACCAGATGCTGGCCATC
KCNC4_is01_ex2.3	ACTACGCTGAGCGGATTC	CAAGGTCTGAGGTTCCATTTG	WDR47_ex5.1	TTCTATCTGAAAGCTTTTGTG	CAGCATATGCACTTTTGTAGG
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KCNC4_is02_ex4	CCAAGAAAGCGAAGAAGCAC	AATATACAGCCCCATGACTGC	WDR47_ex8	TTGGTATGTCTAAGTTGATGGTG	GCTCCAAATGATGTAACC
KCNC4_is03_ex2			WDR47_ex9	GGAGTCACTGAGGATTTGTTG	CACCAGCTGACTAAAATGG
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KCND3_ex2.3	GCTGGGCTGGTCTTCTAC	AGCCCTTCTGGCATAAAAC	WDR47_ex12	CATTATCTGACCAAGTTTGGAG	GTGATGTGCCACTGCATCT
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KCND3_ex3	CTGCTTGTTCACCAATG	AGTCTGGCTCCCTGACTG	WDR47_ex14	GGGCCTTAAAGGACACAAAC	AAACCTAAACATAAGACTTACTGC
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KCND3_ex6	AAAACTGGCTTGGAAATGC	GGGGAGAATCCACAGACTCAG	WDR77_ex2	CATGGAGGGCAACCCTTC	ACCTCAGGTACCACCAAGTC
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KIAA1324_ex3	GGTGGGAAGCTGTTAAATGTTG	ATTGGATGGCAGGAACTTG	WDR77_ex8	TTGCAAAAGAGAAACTGATGC	AACTCAGCTGAAACATCTCTG
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KIAA1324_ex22	AACCTCTACTCTTCTCCCC	AGCAGTCTCTCCTCACCC			
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LRI2_ex2	TTGCCAGGTGAGTCTTGAAC	CAACCCATGCCAAGACAG	LRI2_ex13.1	GCCACTTGTAAACAGAACACAC	TATTCAGAGCTTCTCAGC
LRI2_ex3	GCCAGAAGGTAGAAATCCAAGAG	CTGCTGCCACTGATCCAC	LRI2_ex13.2	CGAGTGAGCAGCAGTGAATTC	AAGTGGGCACTGACTAATTC
LRI2_ex4	GCCAGAAGGTAGAAATCCAAGAG	CCACAACAGTCCCATAAAC	LRI2_ex14	GGGGTGTCTTGCCTACTAGATTC	GACCAAGAGTACGCTCCAAAG
LRI2_ex5	TTTTGGCAAGCTTCTAGTGG	CAGGAATTTGTTTGAATAAGG	LRI2_ex15.1	TTGCTTAATTCAGTAGAAATAGGG	TCACTCCCAATGACTACTCTG
LRI2_ex6	GATCTTCAAGTGCCTCACC	ACCCTAGCCTTCCGACTG	LRI2_ex15.2	AGAACGACATTTCTTGGTGC	TGCTACTATGACAGCTCTCAG
LRI2_ex7	AAAGTATTTTGAAGTGCCTG	TGATTTATTCAGTCTGCTAGTCT	LRI2_ex16	GCAAAATAGTCTTCTGAGTGGG	TGCTTCAAGATTTGGAAGAACTAC
LRI2_ex8	TTCCATGGGCGATGATGAG	TGCTCTGAGGCAATGAGAC	LRI2_ex17	TGAAGAAAAGTACGAGTGGC	TGCTTCTCTGCTCAAAAG
LRI2_ex9	TGCTCAATGTTGTAGTGGTTG	TCAATTTACAGCCGGTCTTCTG	LRI2_ex18	TGTGTTGATTCAGTGTGCC	AAAGCAAAAGTCTGACTTCCG
LRI2_ex10-11	AAAAGTACGCTACGCTTATTTTCCAC	ACTTGGGCTACTCCATCAC			

Abbreviations

AA-AMP	aminoacyl adenosine monophosphate
ADID	autosomal dominant intellectual disability
AMP	adenosine monophosphate
Amp ^r	ampicillin resistance
APS	ammonium persulphate
ARID	autosomal recessive intellectual disability
ARS	aminoacyl-tRNA synthetase
ATP	adenosine-5'-triphosphate
bp	base pair
BSA	bovine serum albumin
cDNA	complementary DNA
Chr	chromosome
Cm ^r	chloramphenicol resistance
CMTRIB	Charcot-Marie-Tooth disease, recessive intermediate , type B
CNS	central nervous system
CNV	copy number variation
CSF	cerebrospinal fluid
Da	Dalton
DAPI	4',6-diamidino-2-phenylindole
ddH ₂ O	double distilled water
ddNTP	dideoxynucleotide
DEPC	diethylpyrocarbonate
DMEM	Dulbecco's Modified Eagle's Medium
DNA	deoxyribonucleic acid
dNTP	deoxyribonucleotide triphosphate
DTT	dithiothreitol
ECL	enhanced chemiluminescence
EDTA	ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid
EGFP	enhanced green fluorescent protein
EYFP	enhanced yellow fluorescent protein
EtBr	ethidium bromide
FBS	fetal bovine serum
FW	forward

FXS	fragile X syndrome
GFP	green fluorescent protein
GST	glutathione S-transferase
GTP	guanosine-5'-triphosphate
HEPES	4-(2-hydroxyethyl)-1-piperazineethanesulfonic acid
HRP	horseradish peroxidase
IPTG	isopropyl β -D-1-thiogalactopyranoside
ID	intellectual disability
IQ	intelligence quotient
kb	kilobase
kDa	kilo Dalton
Km ^r	kanamycin resistance
LB	Lysogeny broth
LOD	logarithm of odds
LTP	long term potentiation
Mb	megabase
MIM	Mendelian Inheritance in Man
MR	mental retardation
MIR	magnetic resonance imaging
mRNA	messenger ribonucleic acid
NAD ⁺	nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide (oxidized form)
NADH	nicotinamide adenine dinucleotide (reduced form)
NCBI	National Center for Biotechnology Information
NGS	next generation sequencing
NLS	nuclear localization signal
NMD	nonsense-mediated mRNA decay
Nm ^r	neomycin resistance
NSID	non-syndromic intellectual disability
OCF	occipitofrontal circumference
OD	optical density
OMIM	Online Mendelian inheritance in man
PAGE	polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis
PBS	phosphate buffered saline
PBST	phosphate buffered saline with Tween 20
PCR	polymerase chain reaction
PDB	protein data bank
PFA	paraformaldehyde

Pfam	protein family
PP ₁	pyrophosphate
P/S	penicillin-streptomycin
PVDF	poly-vinylidene difluoride
RNA	ribonucleic acid
rpm	revolutions per minute
rRNA	ribosomal ribonucleic acid
RT	room temperature
RT-PCR	reverse transcription PCR
RV	reverse
SSA	succinic semialdehyde
SDS	sodium dodecyl sulphate
SDS-PAGE	sodium dodecyl sulphate polyacrylamide gel electrophoresis
SID	syndromic intellectual disability
SNP	single nucleotide polymorphism
TAE	tris-acetate-EDTA
TCA	tricarboxylic acid
TEMED	N,N,N',N'-tetramethyl-ethane-1,2-diamine
Tris	tris(hydroxymethyl)aminomethane
tRNA	transfer ribonucleic acid
Tween 20	polyethylene glycol sorbitan monolaurate
TY	tryptone, yeast extract
UCSC	University of California Santa Cruz
UTR	untranslated region
v/v	volume/volume ratio
WES	whole exome sequencing
WGS	whole genome sequencing
w/v	weight/volume ratio
WHO	World Health Organisation
WT	wild-type
XLID	X-linked intellectual disability
X-Gal	5-bromo-4-chloro-indolyl- β -D-galactopyranoside

Three-letter and single-letter code of amino acids

Amino acid	Three letter	Single letter
Alanine	Ala	A
Arginine	Arg	R
Asparagine	Asn	N
Aspartic acid	Asp	D
Cysteine	Cys	C
Glutamic acid	Glu	E
Glutamine	Gln	Q
Glycine	Gly	G
Histidine	His	H
Isoleucine	Ile	I
Leucine	Leu	L
Lysine	Lys	K
Methionine	Met	M
Phenylalanine	Phe	F
Proline	Pro	P
Serine	Ser	S
Threonine	Thr	T
Tryptophan	Trp	W
Tyrosine	Tyr	Y
Valine	Val	V
Selenocysteine	Sec	U
Pyrrolysine	Pyl	O